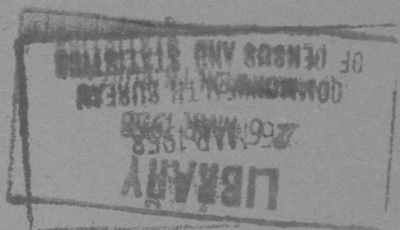


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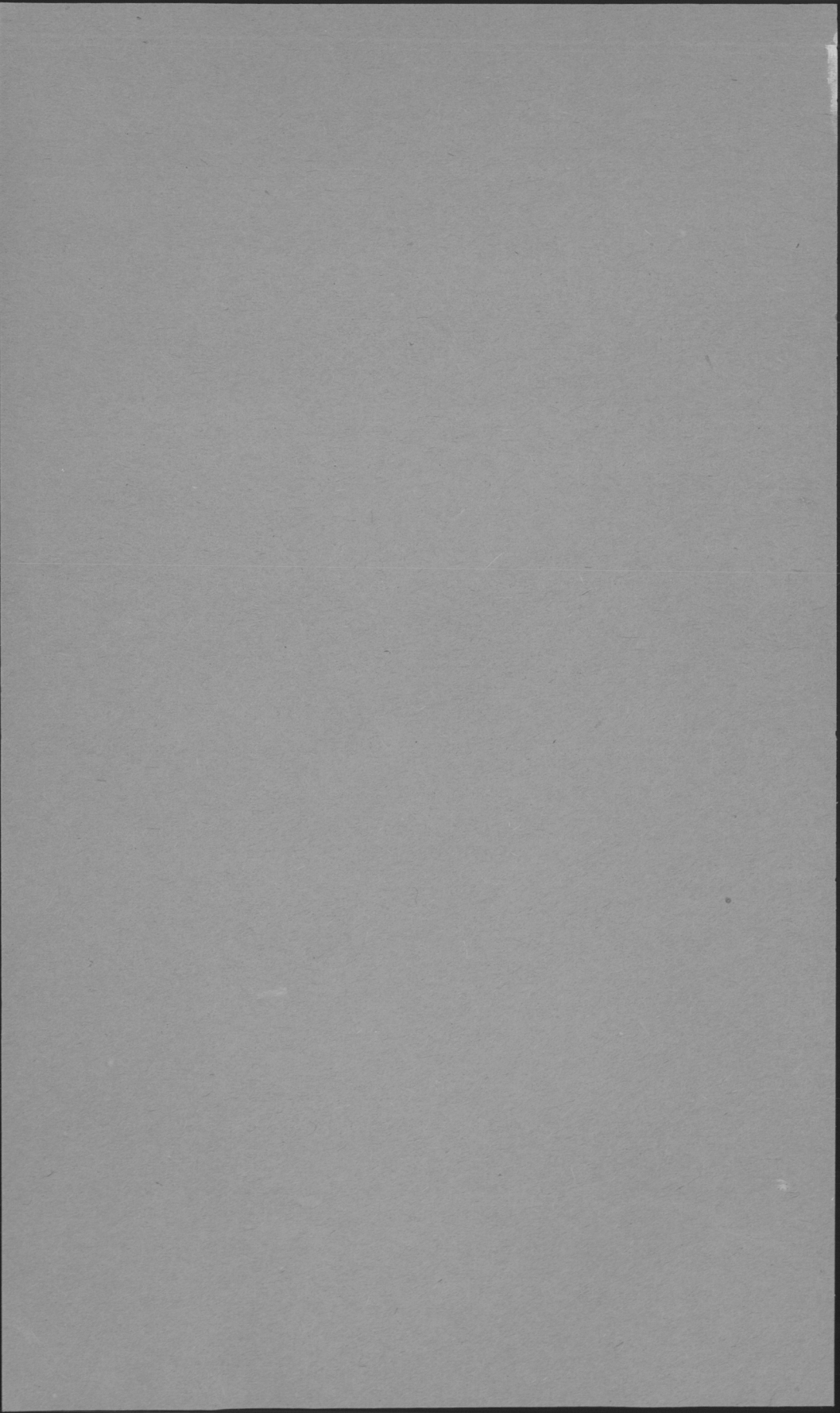
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PAGE 73. - REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

£'000

YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1956

Revenue -	New South Wales -		
	Taxation, for 18,735	read 24,035	
	Other, for 29,606	read 24,306	
	Western Australia -		
	Commonwealth Payments, for 21,710	read 21,685	
	Total,	for 49,637	read 49,612
	Tasmania -		
	Commonwealth Payments, for 9,819	read 9,802	
	Taxation,	for 3,578	read 3,595
	Six States -		
	Commonwealth Payments, for 183,053	read 183,011	
	Taxation,	for 66,989	read 72,306
	Other,	for 80,237	read 74,937
	Total,	for 524,809	read 524,784
	Grand Total -		
	Total,	for 1,474,386	read 1,474,361
Expenditure -	Western Australia -		
	Other, for 23,692	read 23,667	
	Total, for 51,468	read 51,443	
	Tasmania -		
	Other, for 11,978	read 11,794	
	Total, for 17,896	read 17,712	
	Six States -		
	Other, for 259,298	read 259,089	
	Total, for 539,935	read 539,726	
	Grand Total -		
	Total, for 1,427,899	read 1,427,690	
Surplus or Deficit -	Tasmania	for - 69	read + 115
	Six States	for - 15,126	read - 14,942
	Grand Total,	for +46,487	read + 46,671

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PRIVATE FINANCE

PAGE 58. — CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS —

Average Liabilities within Australia

All Cheque-Paying Banks

QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1956

£'000

Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock	for	20,575	read	20,383
Deposits —				
Not Bearing Interest	for	1,207,675	read	1,200,590
Bearing Interest	for	325,709	read	324,066
Total	for	1,533,384	read	1,524,656
Balances due to other Banks	for	8,378	read	19,255
Bills Payable and all other Liabilities	for	34,893	read	37,006
Total Liabilities	for	1,597,388	read	1,601,458

PAGE 60. — COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

Central Banking Business (Including Note

Issue Department)

£'000

1955—56

Special Accounts of Trading Banks	for	372,841	read	272,841
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AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1954.			Estimate—30th June, 1956.			Capital Cities, 30th June, 1955.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,785,243	1,768,189	3,553,432	1,897,710
Victoria	87,884	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,314,537	1,290,551	2,605,088	1,595,300
Q'land	670,500	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	703,925	666,772	1,370,697	515,000
S. Aust.	380,070	403,903	393,191	797,094	431,209	417,317	848,526	497,000
W. Aust.	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	348,967	328,422	677,389	359,000
Tasmania	26,215	157,129	151,623	308,752	164,020	155,628	319,648	97,440
N. Terr.	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,949	7,348	18,297	8,620
A.C.T.	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	18,717	15,764	34,481	30,390
Australia	2,974,581	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	4,777,567	4,649,991	9,427,558	5,000,460

(a) 31st December, 1955.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1953	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954a	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	32,424	9,200,691
1956	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	34,481	9,427,558

AT 31ST DECEMBER.

1938	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1952	3,367,986	2,366,719	1,271,256	768,570	612,935	309,558	14,771	27,774	8,739,569
1953	3,409,009	2,416,035	1,298,420	785,665	631,743	316,465	15,635	29,714	8,902,686
1954	3,462,313	2,480,877	1,322,752	808,243	649,415	319,511	16,140	31,144	9,090,395
1955	3,525,923	2,555,021	1,350,684	834,635	670,750	325,801	17,007	33,470	9,313,291

(a) Census.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1953	3,366,358	2,372,366	1,272,244	766,538	611,191	302,529	15,241	27,721	8,734,188
1954	3,405,414	2,422,839	1,300,464	785,981	630,705	309,416	15,930	29,595	8,900,344
1955	3,459,538	2,488,115	1,325,336	807,501	648,930	312,987	16,536	31,249	9,090,192
1956	3,524,379	2,564,849	1,352,629	834,465	669,040	319,192	17,474	33,642	9,315,670
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1952	3,341,476	2,343,610	1,255,896	755,042	600,615	293,361	15,087	26,570	8,636,657
1953	3,386,556	2,395,851	1,287,231	776,355	621,034	306,318	15,534	28,724	8,817,603
1954	3,428,488	2,453,458	1,313,055	796,361	640,140	311,128	16,214	30,383	8,989,227
1955	3,492,385	2,526,275	1,338,995	820,143	658,747	316,153	17,040	32,412	9,202,150

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Twelve Months Ended 30th June	
					1955.	1956.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).						
New South Wales	42,158	43,183	40,681	41,854	40,755	42,236
Victoria	30,416	30,911	32,106	33,809	33,090	34,970
Queensland	19,782	19,776	19,832	21,045	20,469	20,973
South Australia	10,834	11,194	11,048	10,958	11,043	11,181
Western Australia	10,204	10,790	10,564	11,244	10,948	11,523
Tasmania	5,337	5,185	5,074	5,600	5,310	5,865
Northern Territory	359	344	407	396	357	437
Australian Capital Territory ..	963	664	739	735	716	844
Australia	120,053	122,047	120,451	125,641	122,688	128,029

RECORDED NET INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).						
New South Wales	18,043	4,578	15,977	21,756	26,047	20,865
Victoria	35,053	16,346	31,764	40,335	37,587	47,100
Queensland	11,310	5,480	3,544	6,887	5,844	5,152
South Australia	10,865	2,791	9,968	15,434	11,412	17,796
Western Australia	12,677	8,258	7,228	10,091	7,819	7,328
Tasmania	3,604	2,888	1,448	690	617	896
Northern Territory	— 2	718	201	471	754	280
Australian Capital Territory ..	2,482	1,838	973	1,591	1,393	1,213
Australia	94,032	42,897	68,207	97,255	91,473	98,838

TOTAL INCREASE.						
New South Wales	(a) 53,314	(a) 41,023	(a) 53,304	63,610	66,802	63,101
Victoria	67,181	49,316	64,842	74,144	70,677	82,070
Queensland	32,978	27,164	24,332	27,932	26,313	26,125
South Australia	24,785	17,095	22,578	26,392	22,455	28,977
Western Australia	22,596	18,808	17,672	21,335	18,767	18,851
Tasmania	7,771	6,907	3,046	6,290	5,927	4,969
Northern Territory	157	864	505	567	1,111	717
Australian Capital Territory ..	2,880	1,940	1,430	2,326	2,109	2,057
Australia	211,662	163,117	187,709	222,896	214,161	226,867

(a) Includes natural increase and recorded net interstate and overseas migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by the results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Oversea Migration. (b)	Total Increase.	Population at end of Period.
Year—							
1938	62,411	120,415	66,451	53,964	9,137	c64,417	6,935,909
1944	68,201	153,344	69,596	83,748	— 2,183	c77,366	7,347,024
1945	62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	— 2,629	c83,173	7,430,197
1946	76,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	— 15,148	c87,784	7,517,981
1947	76,457	182,384	73,468	108,916	10,611	c119,982	7,637,963
1948	74,902	177,976	76,339	101,137	55,115	c154,502	7,792,465
1949	72,999	181,261	75,260	106,001	150,001	c253,105	8,045,570
1950	75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,505	c261,911	8,307,481
1951	77,298	193,298	81,798	111,510	111,433	c220,426	8,527,907
1952	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	c211,662	8,739,569
1953	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	c163,117	8,902,638
1954	71,220	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	c187,709	9,090,395
1955	72,172	207,677	82,036	125,641	97,255	222,896	9,313,291
Quarter ended—							
30th June, 1955	18,924	51,600	20,723	30,877	20,680	51,557	9,200,691
30th September, 1955	15,449	53,714	24,209	29,505	25,853	55,358	9,256,049
31st December, 1955	20,094	51,045	19,424	31,621	25,621	57,242	9,313,291
31st March, 1956	18,630	52,614	18,073	34,541	29,421	63,962	9,377,253
30th June, 1956	18,454	53,502	21,140	32,362	17,943	50,305	9,427,558

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1944, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.

(b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1944, to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956.							
New South Wales	7,132	9,896	9,348	19,244	4,843	3,658	8,501
Victoria.. ..	4,825	7,390	6,878	14,268	3,092	2,678	5,770
Queensland ..	2,808	4,395	4,082	8,477	1,745	1,247	2,992
South Australia ..	1,574	2,388	2,323	4,711	1,048	814	1,862
Western Australia	1,348	2,294	2,084	4,378	823	525	1,348
Tasmania ..	658	1,039	992	2,031	332	273	605
Northern Territory	31	73	59	132	21	3	24
Australian Capital Territory ..	78	136	125	261	28	10	38
Australia ..	18,454	27,611	25,891	53,502	11,932	9,208	21,140

SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956.

New South Wales	14,214	19,511	18,259	37,770	8,830	6,776	15,606
Victoria.. ..	10,185	15,084	13,941	29,025	5,696	4,941	10,637
Queensland ..	5,100	8,630	8,024	16,654	3,264	2,327	5,591
South Australia ..	3,273	4,670	4,453	9,123	1,930	1,493	3,423
Western Australia	2,720	4,589	4,028	8,617	1,587	1,077	2,664
Tasmania ..	1,418	2,121	2,007	4,128	637	542	1,179
Northern Territory	70	144	131	275	36	7	43
Australian Capital Territory ..	154	275	249	524	49	21	70
Australia ..	37,134	55,024	51,092	106,116	22,029	17,184	39,213

State or Territory.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Six Months Ended 30th June.	
					1955.	1956.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	27,573	27,503	27,645	14,193	14,214
Victoria	17,113	19,238	19,404	20,056	9,863	10,185
Queensland.. ..	8,853	9,859	10,027	10,098	5,183	5,100
South Australia ..	5,489	6,149	6,190	6,226	3,124	3,273
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,032	5,204	5,145	2,712	2,720
Tasmania	2,082	2,424	2,512	2,600	1,349	1,418
Northern Territory ..	67	154	143	151	66	70
Australian Capital Territory.. ..	75	211	246	251	139	154
Australia ..	62,411	70,640	71,229	72,172	36,629	37,134

DIVORCES (INCLUDING NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE).—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1952, 7,095; 1953, 8,031; 1954, 6,517; 1955, New South Wales, 2,891; Victoria, 1,690; Queensland, 628; South Australia, 485; Western Australia, 532; Tasmania, 233; Northern Territory, 18; Australian Capital Territory, 21; Australia, 6,769.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Six months Ended 30th June.	
					1955.	1956.
MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
					(a)	(a)
New South Wales ..	9.03	8.14	8.02	7.92	8.16	8.03
Victoria ..	9.17	8.03	7.91	7.94	7.87	7.89
Queensland..	8.84	7.66	7.64	7.54	7.78	7.51
South Australia ..	9.25	7.92	7.77	7.59	7.68	7.77
Western Australia ..	8.95	8.10	8.13	7.81	8.30	8.07
Tasmania ..	8.81	7.91	8.07	8.22	8.53	8.81
Northern Territory ..	11.54	9.91	8.82	8.86	7.89	7.98
Australian Capital Territory..	6.50	7.35	8.10	7.74	8.76	9.05
Australia ..	9.04	8.01	7.92	7.84	8.01	7.92

BIRTHS—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	47,319	74,890	73,125	74,407	37,150	37,770
Victoria ..	30,344	53,561	54,660	56,336	27,734	29,025
Queensland..	18,992	30,782	31,176	32,352	16,411	16,654
South Australia ..	9,410	18,156	18,227	18,494	8,875	9,123
Western Australia ..	9,141	15,862	15,928	16,623	8,210	8,617
Tasmania ..	4,907	7,736	7,770	8,089	3,869	4,128
Northern Territory ..	102	460	513	515	261	275
Australian Capital Territory..	200	788	857	861	408	524
Australia ..	120,415	202,235	202,256	207,677	102,918	106,116

BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales ..	17.38	22.11	21.33	21.31	(a) 21.37	(a) 21.33
Victoria ..	16.27	22.36	22.28	22.30	22.14	22.47
Queensland..	18.95	23.91	23.74	24.16	24.65	24.51
South Australia ..	15.86	23.39	22.89	22.55	21.81	21.67
Western Australia ..	19.71	25.54	24.88	25.23	25.12	25.57
Tasmania ..	20.76	25.25	24.97	25.59	24.47	25.63
Northern Territory ..	17.57	29.61	31.64	30.22	31.22	31.34
Australian Capital Territory..	17.34	27.43	28.21	26.56	25.72	30.78
Australia ..	17.45	22.94	22.50	22.57	22.50	22.64

DEATHS—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	26,105	31,707	32,444	32,553	15,368	15,606
Victoria ..	18,955	22,650	22,554	22,527	10,507	10,637
Queensland..	9,201	11,006	11,344	11,307	5,276	5,591
South Australia ..	5,539	6,962	7,179	7,536	3,398	3,423
Western Australia ..	4,234	5,072	5,364	5,379	2,536	2,664
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,551	2,696	2,489	1,185	1,179
Northern Territory ..	69	116	106	119	70	43
Australian Capital Territory..	60	124	118	126	63	70
Australia ..	66,451	80,188	81,805	82,036	38,403	39,213

(a) Equivalent annual rates.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1953.	1954.	1955.	Six months Ended 30th June.	
					1955.	1956.
DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales	9.50	9.36	9.46	9.32	(a) 8.84	(a) 8.81
Victoria	10.16	9.45	9.19	8.92	8.39	8.24
Queensland	9.18	8.55	8.64	8.44	7.92	8.23
South Australia	9.34	8.97	9.01	9.19	8.35	8.13
Western Australia	9.13	8.17	8.38	8.17	7.76	7.91
Tasmania	9.68	8.33	8.67	7.87	7.49	7.32
Northern Territory	11.89	7.47	6.54	6.98	8.37	4.90
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.20	4.32	3.88	3.89	3.97	4.11
Australia	9.63	9.09	9.10	8.91	8.40	8.37

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,980	1,846	1,850	1,850	917	850
Victoria	1,038	1,133	1,055	1,035	498	523
Queensland	784	769	695	656	352	393
South Australia	287	375	388	431	207	186
Western Australia	309	378	359	373	193	196
Tasmania	195	177	186	189	87	87
Northern Territory	6	18	9	26	19	11
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	17	4	12	6	7
Australia	4,607	4,713	4,546	4,572	2,279	2,253

INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.84	24.65	25.30	24.86	24.68	22.50
Victoria	34.21	21.15	19.30	18.37	17.96	18.02
Queensland	41.28	24.98	22.20	20.28	21.45	23.98
South Australia	30.50	20.65	21.29	23.30	23.32	20.39
Western Australia	33.80	23.83	22.54	22.44	23.51	22.75
Tasmania	39.74	22.88	23.94	23.37	22.49	21.08
Northern Territory	58.82	39.13	17.54	50.49	72.80	40.00
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	21.57	4.67	13.94	14.71	13.36
Australia	38.26	23.30	22.48	22.01	22.14	21.23

(a) Equivalent annual rates.

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over De- partures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,886
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,233	278,134	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,508	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1938	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1951	122,136	91,504	213,640	54,521	47,686	102,207	111,433
1952	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
1955	133,463	103,774	237,237	76,805	63,177	139,982	97,255
Six months ended 30th June—							
1955	68,639	52,619	121,258	40,613	34,864	75,477	45,781
1956	73,272	55,300	128,572	43,629	37,579	81,208	47,364

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—*continued.*Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended June, 1956.	Six months ended June—		Quarter ended June, 1956.	Six months ended June—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
British(b)	14,649	34,022	30,581	7,766	14,978	16,579
Foreign—						
American (U.S.)	304	629	586	253	428	513
Austrian	993	2,106	2,152	19	36	35
Belgian	10	36	30	5	8	6
Chinese	120	199	321	36	70	79
Czechoslovak	14	25	26	19	50	52
Danish	216	34	389	12	25	20
Dutch	2,663	5,580	6,352	357	501	803
Estonian	3	4	4	3	15	8
French	103	176	233	91	178	150
German	1,263	5,392	3,287	221	326	455
Greek	2,921	6,466	6,713	73	69	112
Hungarian	33	125	95	7	21	18
Israeli	255	247	522	3	9	9
Italian	7,074	12,564	17,122	700	883	1,288
Japanese	52	171	86	8	13	19
Latvian	14	20	23	14	16	21
Lebanese	293	192	489	10	17	19
Lithuanian	4	6	7	5	26	35
Norwegian	51	39	91	6	104	11
Polish(c)	63	99	108	30	70	56
Russian(d)	139	50	291	31	26	49
Swedish	38	21	72	8	24	13
Swiss	96	102	212	22	54	40
Ukrainian	26	20	33	10	21	14
Yugoslav	280	412	653	22	30	33
Stateless	454	928	884	19	67	62
Other	232	472	608	64	145	137
Total	32,363	70,137	71,970	9,814	18,210	20,636

(a) "Permanent" means residence for one year or longer (in Australia in the case of arrivals; abroad in the case of departures) except in the case of Australian troops, who are classified as "temporary" irrespective of their length of stay. (b) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" in this table. (c) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (d) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended June, 1956.	Six months ended June—		Quarter ended June, 1956.	Six months ended June—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
European	31,673	68,746	69,944	9,609	17,829	20,208
Asian	649	1,314	1,918	195	369	405
African	22	16	34	1	1	2
Polynesian	19	61	74	9	11	21
Total	32,363	70,137	71,970	9,814	18,210	20,636

(a) See note (a) above.

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
	Quarter ended June, 1956.	Six months ended June—		Quarter ended June, 1956.	Six months ended June—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	11,084	21,738	22,393	3,502	7,709	7,801
Canada	209	462	429	520	634	784
Cyprus	87	427	348	7	31	28
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	211	380	442	114	284	221
Malta	1,176	6,534	2,151	130	152	238
New Guinea	141	363	410	586	1,033	1,146
New Zealand	685	1,549	1,602	944	2,064	2,078
Papua	104	219	257	372	634	716
Union of South Africa ..	54	252	111	82	130	177
Other	745	1,459	1,958	763	969	1,724
Total, British Countries	14,496	33,383	30,101	7,020	13,640	14,913
Foreign—						
Austria	1,129	2,274	2,497	21	26	31
France	102	188	217	85	200	184
Germany	1,371	5,446	3,430	184	278	386
Greece	2,721	6,233	6,131	69	107	124
Italy	7,112	12,928	17,337	1,089	1,675	2,185
Netherlands	2,627	5,480	6,238	294	375	674
Poland	29	30	57	7	6	12
Yugoslavia	266	374	583	20	28	27
Other European	585	861	1,251	110	275	205
China	107	96	265	2	15	15
Indonesia	48	185	182	41	96	83
Egypt	422	634	1,091	32	31	72
United States of America ..	390	873	819	599	1,004	1,250
Polynesian Islands	42	53	94	80	153	151
Other	916	1,099	1,677	161	301	324
Total, Foreign Countries	17,867	36,754	41,869	2,794	4,570	5,723
GRAND TOTAL ..	32,363	70,137	71,970	9,814	18,210	20,636

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (see following table) as regards both country of intended future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.(a)

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.		
	Quarter ended June, 1956.	Six months ended June—		Quarter ended June, 1956.	Six months ended June—	
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
Australia.. ..	12,055	23,998	27,747	15,374	30,000	31,454
Other British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	2,155	4,752	5,307	2,193	4,905	4,933
Canada	146	358	363	204	394	487
India, Ceylon and Pakistan ..	339	618	729	250	539	588
New Guinea	575	1,342	1,764	681	1,474	1,461
New Zealand	4,679	9,980	10,107	5,166	10,612	10,873
Papua	525	1,247	1,374	693	1,054	1,357
Union of South Africa ..	234	273	388	267	273	413
Other	1,285	2,851	3,095	1,463	2,662	2,996
Total, Other British Countries	9,938	21,421	23,127	10,917	21,913	23,108
Foreign—						
France	86	235	316	201	257	378
Germany	86	200	163	100	159	184
Greece	12	31	39	11	27	30
Italy	38	123	94	61	140	126
Netherlands	197	309	343	175	319	344
Yugoslavia	7	16	16	4	11	5
Other European	178	370	359	137	329	337
China	32	47	45	15	23	33
Indonesia	160	300	353	114	217	233
Egypt	21	42	36	10	32	27
United States of America ..	949	2,181	2,256	1,220	2,523	2,607
Polynesian Islands	305	718	738	342	563	807
Other	419	1,130	970	408	754	899
Total, Foreign Countries	2,490	5,702	5,728	2,798	5,354	6,010
GRAND TOTAL	24,483	51,121	56,602	29,089	57,267	60,572

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" as regards both country of intended future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AREA. (^{'000} Acres.)								
1938-39..	4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,413	10	2	14,346
1951-52..	2,753	2,464	454	1,613	3,095	4	1	10,384
1952-53..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,999	7	1	10,209
1953-54..	3,357	2,389	580	1,528	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954-55..	2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	1	10,673
1955-56(a)	2,730	2,141	582	1,609	2,890	6	1	9,959

PRODUCTION. (^{'000} Bushels.)								
1938-39..	59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1951-52..	39,689	45,995	6,632	27,301	40,000	94	14	159,725
1952-53..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,019	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953-54..	63,681	53,698	10,180	30,409	39,700	283	29	197,960
1954-55..	37,718	48,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	15	168,616
1955-56(a)	57,000	41,083	14,922	28,892	53,250	129	19	195,295

YIELD PER ACRE. (Bushels.)								
1938-39..	12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	28.7	10.8
1951-52..	14.4	18.7	14.6	16.9	12.9	26.1	14.0	15.4
1952-53..	21.0	22.6	25.8	22.0	11.8	23.4	12.7	19.1
1953-54..	19.0	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.8	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954-55..	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	19.4	15.8
1955-56(a)	20.9	19.2	25.7	18.0	18.4	20.7	25.5	19.6

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.
(^{'000} Acres.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
1951-52 ..	2,930	2,499	551	1,688	3,163	7	1	10,839
1952-53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,601	3,076	13	1	10,571
1953-54 ..	3,548	2,429	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954-55 ..	3,178	2,430	745	1,767	3,100	12	1	11,233
1955-56(a) ..	2,857	2,174	640	1,678	2,965	10	1	10,825

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	

AREA. (^{'000} Acres.)								
1938-39 ..	1,784	745	324	98	3,250	262	..	23,498
1950-51 ..	1,757	1,079	169	127	1,377	272	..	19,811
1951-52 ..	2,365	1,118	170	118	1,549	282	..	19,683
1952-53 ..	2,764	1,377	174	135	1,761	280	..	20,251
1953-54 ..	2,137	1,803	179	128	1,935	340	..	21,013
1954-55 ..	2,574	1,691	170	107	1,984	374	..	21,695

PRODUCTION.								
	^{'000} Bush.	^{'000} Bush.	^{'000} Bush.	^{'000} Tons.	^{'000} Tons.	^{'000} Tons.	^{'000} Tons.	
1938-39 ..	15,555	10,831	7,057	274	3,321	5,679	820	..
1950-51 ..	25,128	22,871	4,729	412	2,063	7,052	921	..
1951-52 ..	34,506	21,909	4,018	509	2,345	5,327	745	..
1952-53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	431	2,765	6,967	949	..
1953-54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..
1954-55 ..	32,834	29,400	5,076	468	2,856	10,087	1,328	..

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK. (000.)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
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HORSES.

1939	..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1952	..	311	169	289	63	53	19	32	1	937
1953	..	298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	895
1954	..	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	850
1955	..	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	1	803
1956(b)	..	247	119	261	44	46	15	37	1	770

CATTLE—BEEF.

1952	..	2,416	776	5,138	201	621	110	1,053	7	10,327
1953	..	2,405	820	5,378	231	612	113	936	6	10,501
1954	..	2,316	829	5,703	230	600	121	966	6	10,771
1955	..	2,242	856	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,950
1956(b)	..	2,421	954	5,916	302	673	143	1,023	6	11,478

CATTLE—DAIRY.

1952	* ..	1,205	1,439	1,297	236	231	155	..	3	4,566
1953	..	1,244	1,477	1,373	252	234	162	..	4	4,746
1954	..	1,238	1,541	1,383	261	230	174	..	3	4,830
1955	..	1,219	1,600	1,377	269	228	190	..	3	4,886
1956(b)	..	1,253	1,662	1,384	264	224	184	..	3	4,979

CATTLE—TOTAL.

1939	..	2,812	1,697	(a) 6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1952	..	3,621	2,215	6,435	437	852	265	1,058	10	14,893
1953	..	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247
1954	..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	966	9	15,601
1955	..	3,461	2,456	7,233	524	861	319	969	8	15,836
1956(b)	..	3,679	2,616	7,330	566	897	332	1,023	9	16,457

SHEEP.

1939	..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,626	30	245	111,058
1952	..	53,676	21,537	16,164	11,470	12,188	2,338	31	243	117,647
1953	..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	34	247	123,072
1954	..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,838	13,037	2,465	31	252	126,944
1955	..	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	29	245	130,849
1956(b)	..	62,988	23,343	22,116	13,585	14,128	2,673	33	258	139,124

PIGS.

1939	..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1952	..	293	214	316	65	86	47	..	..	1,022
1953	..	299	183	336	59	76	39	1	..	993
1954	..	372	232	384	61	101	46	1	..	1,197
1955	..	375	264	407	85	107	58	1	..	1,297
1956(b)	..	343	227	373	73	99	50	1	..	1,166

(a) December, previous year.

(b) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE). (000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1951-52 ..	437,837	224,958	138,767	135,484	120,401	20,513	252	1,765	1,079,977
1952-53 ..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,231,086
1953-54 ..	544,934	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462
1954-55 ..	540,977	253,364	176,548	155,761	129,667	23,797	311	2,232	1,282,657
1955-56(c) ..	593,712	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	23,418	(d)	2,333	a 1,398,600

(a) Estimated. (b) For year ended 31st December, 1938. (c) Subject to revision. (d) Not yet available.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
1938-39	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,829	350	1,189,863
1950-51	298,159	445,671	278,111	83,545	52,407	39,228	687	1,197,808
1951-52	241,209	446,818	181,148	86,482	48,937	42,189	593	1,047,376
1952-53	317,385	436,417	285,533	84,249	49,830	41,139	688	1,215,241
1953-54	282,187	474,358	249,712	85,014	49,996	47,642	743	1,189,652
1954-55	318,719	536,835	275,605	90,699	54,194	52,022	725	1,325,779
1955-56(b)	335,234	578,493	282,723	91,109	55,578	60,959	913	1,405,009

WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES.
(⁰⁰⁰ gal.)

BUTTER (Factory and Farm). (Tons.)								
1938-39	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1950-51	36,130	59,046	47,911	7,769	7,000	6,073	5	163,934
1951-52	25,242	60,342	28,211	8,131	6,880	6,507	6	135,319
1952-53	38,875	58,178	49,425	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	167,408
1953-54	31,354	64,396	42,154	7,862	6,281	7,533	5	159,585
1954-55	40,128	80,182	46,223	8,704	7,266	8,571	4	191,078
1955-56(b)	42,325	91,421	48,459	8,656	7,542	10,183	4	208,590

CHEESE (Factory and Farm).
(Tons.)

1938-39	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1950-51	2,960	22,576	8,678	8,932	751	412	..	44,309
1951-52	1,995	22,255	4,700	10,615	625	408	..	40,598
1952-53	3,163	22,886	9,439	10,454	898	266	..	46,606
1953-54	3,210	25,987	6,746	11,612	1,208	294	..	49,057
1954-55	2,508	20,302	7,921	13,101	1,086	275	..	45,193
1955-56(b)	3,391	13,955	7,497	12,636	847	259	..	38,585

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA. (a)

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened).	Concentrated Whole Milk.(c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods.(d)		Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Butter-milk and Whey.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39..	15,519	(e) 1,659	10,712	(f) 1,259	33,367	(g)	(h) 556
1950-51..	50,507	18,351	17,594	12,100	84,828	6,583	3,192
1951-52..	52,467	16,743	15,121	12,066	76,496	10,887	2,938
1952-53..	55,385	14,493	22,393	10,042	83,655	16,103	4,073
1953-54..	42,386	19,464	18,905	11,740	75,995	19,804	5,358
1954-55(b)	38,333	11,618	15,409	11,326	64,365	23,206	5,200
1955-56(b)	44,978	14,780	17,423	13,125	72,631	30,335	4,586

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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BEEF (including Veal).

1938-39	..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1950-51	..	192,760	136,604	232,398	36,372	33,969	14,103	3,591	1,716	651,513
1951-52	..	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	3,285	1,806	581,888
1952-53	..	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,464	674,849
1953-54	..	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,656	704,269
1954-55	..	215,462	142,719	271,550	34,431	37,087	13,670	3,374	1,616	719,909
1955-56(a)	..	225,219	136,881	291,378	37,607	38,188	15,583	3,256	1,632	749,744

MUTTON.

1938-39	..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1950-51	..	52,464	56,045	12,467	21,022	14,374	4,813	27	621	161,833
1951-52	..	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,066	4,732	34	648	175,830
1952-53	..	73,455	94,130	18,572	33,660	23,620	5,654	82	834	249,007
1953-54	..	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	19,908	6,004	72	720	237,566
1954-55	..	73,484	93,322	17,254	28,581	20,916	6,050	78	845	240,530
1955-56(a)	..	71,677	82,149	20,479	27,460	23,548	5,241	64	828	231,446

LAMB.

1938-39	..	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1950-51	..	39,999	47,007	1,100	12,990	7,176	3,848	..	300	112,420
1951-52	..	37,747	44,227	1,338	11,059	7,600	4,243	..	312	106,526
1952-53	..	51,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	..	396	146,083
1953-54	..	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,069	..	366	127,246
1954-55	..	49,015	62,289	1,296	21,272	7,497	5,851	..	414	147,635
1955-56(a)	..	49,722	59,221	1,714	17,523	9,333	6,484	..	408	144,404

PORK.

1938-39	..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1950-51	..	9,307	7,596	11,751	2,774	2,116	1,499	64	150	35,257
1951-52	..	10,382	8,716	8,604	2,551	2,550	1,981	70	170	35,024
1952-53	..	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	60	132	30,468
1953-54	..	12,949	7,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	69	146	33,396
1954-55	..	17,026	11,078	8,948	3,521	4,362	2,027	65	192	47,219
1955-56(a)	..	14,626	11,047	7,708	3,452	3,481	2,193	68	192	42,767

BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).

1938-39	..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1950-51	..	12,629	7,905	8,764	3,042	3,558	946	..	..	36,844
1951-52(b)	..	12,514	8,964	7,669	2,969	3,683	829	..	..	36,628
1952-53(b)	..	13,228	8,165	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	..	..	38,545
1953-54(b)	..	11,875	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	..	..	36,990
1954-55(b)	..	11,769	8,074	10,807	3,378	3,316	1,027	..	..	38,371
1955-56(a)(b)	..	11,381	7,774	10,217	3,586	3,236	1,033	..	..	37,227

TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.

1938-39	..	290,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1950-51	..	311,704	258,002	269,634	77,296	62,473	25,554	3,682	2,787	1,011,132
1951-52	..	305,748	267,129	211,062	68,902	63,441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,081
1952-53	..	370,652	294,702	292,349	89,585	71,776	27,624	3,317	2,826	1,152,831
1953-54	..	374,543	292,532	299,181	85,960	69,475	24,769	3,418	2,888	1,152,766
1954-55	..	370,992	320,388	313,745	92,399	74,373	29,000	3,517	3,067	1,207,481
1955-56(a)	..	376,722	299,871	335,177	90,918	78,949	30,905	3,388	3,060	1,218,990

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT(a).
(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1954.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	329	880	277	1	13,386	..	839	15,712
Iron Ore Mining ..	..	..	..	(b)	(b)	..	..	3,924
Silver-Lead-Zinc Mining	26,672	..	(b)	(b)	..	2,374	..	38,905
Copper-Gold Mining	16	..	(b)	(c)	..	(b)	114	5,568
Tin Mining ..	212	..	549	..	67	1,068	13	1,909
Mineral Sands Mining	990	..	943	..	..	..	..	1,933
Other Metal Mining ..	89	7	(b)	..	1,080	(b)	55	3,204
Total Metal Mining	28,308	887	14,304	3,300	15,223	8,112	1,021	71,155
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	42,762	886	6,474	650	3,589	523	..	54,884
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	3,945	..	..	..	..	..	3,945
Total Fuel Mining..	42,762	4,831	6,474	650	3,589	523	..	58,829
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and Construction Material Quarrying (d)	7,132	4,362	825	4,603	1,929	320	124	e 19,398
Total All Mining and Quarrying ..	78,202	10,080	21,603	8,553	20,741	8,955	1,145	e 149,382
1953(d)	72,346	9,329	17,284	6,203	20,011	8,037	1,221	134,542
1952(d)	77,097	8,535	17,420	6,047	17,704	8,750	1,282	136,844
1951(d)	67,877	6,949	10,922	4,938	13,474	10,552	(f)	114,712
1950(d)	46,102	5,274	10,829	4,428	12,037	7,049	(f)	85,719
1939(d)	12,914	2,789	3,438	3,648	12,496	2,145	(f)	37,430

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Less than £500. (d) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (e) Includes £103,000 for the Australian Capital Territory. (f) Not available.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.						Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten. (a)	Zinc.	Black.
	tons	'000 f. oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons

QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1956.(b)

New South Wales	877	7	..	50	59	1	50	2,842	..
Victoria ..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	26	2,439
Queensland ..	8,826	16	..	8	129	3	4	555	..
South Australia ..	..	..	(e) 551	..	..	..	..	116	..
Western Australia ..	10	188	71	..	56	..	..	165	..
Tasmania ..	1,705	3	..	3	163	341	7	65	..
Northern Territory	1,030	16	..	..	..	32	..	..	..
Australia—									
Mar. Qtr. 1956	12,448	237	622	62	407	377	61	3,769	2,439
Mar. Qtr. 1955	9,242	247	572	64	406	266	54	4,113	2,269
Year—									
1955 ..	45,496	1,049	(c) 2,304	296	2,017	1,482	257	19,275	10,112
1954 ..	40,857	1,118	(c) 2,274	285	2,075	1,372	253	19,763	9,331
1953 ..	36,585	1,075	(c) 2,132	269	1,553	1,406	239	18,411	8,257
1952 ..	18,578	980	(c) 1,883	228	1,610	1,282	196	19,404	8,104
1951 ..	17,926	896	(c) 1,605	212	1,559	1,112	189	17,008	7,836

(a) In terms of WO_3 (tungstic trioxide).

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Estimated.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Em- ployed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used. (c)	(6) Value of Pro- duction. (d)	(7) Value of Output. (e)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	26,941	565,106	106,743	15,700	281,303	203,417	500,420	274,583
1950-51 ..	43,147	968,918	491,718	71,682	1,235,281	843,872	2,150,835	639,400
1951-52 ..	45,844	977,517	611,789	96,629	1,513,210	1,024,867	2,634,706	769,634
1952-53 ..	47,740	933,261	635,245	109,337	1,527,805	1,082,862	2,720,004	907,980
1953-54 ..	49,576	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,747,973	1,227,045	3,095,476	1,064,146
1954-55 ..	51,056	1,031,082	781,640	128,382	1,940,698	1,365,509	3,434,589	1,254,288

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Includes value of containers, packing, &c., tools replaced and repairs to plant. (d) Value of production equals figures in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (e) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, Wages paid(b) .. £'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, &c. used ..	7,652	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. " materials used ..	120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. " production(c) ..	90,266	65,996	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. " output ..	218,420	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,158	500,420
8. " land & buildings, ..	57,354	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,921
9. " plant & mchnry, ..	62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	148,662
1953-54.							
1. Factories .. No.	20,199	15,533	5,199	3,577	3,523	1,545	49,576
2. Persons employed(a) ..	402,595	331,277	98,119	85,503	47,459	24,589	989,542
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) .. £'000.	293,586	236,037	63,433	63,110	31,590	17,381	705,137
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	58,447	29,080	10,655	12,500	6,972	2,804	120,458
5. " materials used ..	721,311	548,111	211,451	152,590	72,468	42,042	1,747,973
6. " production(c) ..	520,043	408,314	110,255	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,227,045
7. " output ..	1,299,801	985,505	332,361	265,311	134,587	77,911	3,095,476
8. " land & buildings, ..	196,724	158,389	40,003	36,579	24,739	26,997	483,431
9. " plant & mchnry, ..	233,022	181,058	64,160	46,788	28,195	27,492	580,715
1954-55.							
1. Factories .. No.	20,837	15,861	5,284	3,750	3,727	1,597	51,056
2. Persons employed(a) ..	419,810	346,648	100,293	89,565	49,314	25,452	1,031,082
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) .. £'000.	326,615	262,750	68,300	70,373	34,738	18,864	781,640
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	60,925	31,767	11,620	12,897	8,046	3,127	128,382
5. " materials used ..	802,617	616,666	224,336	169,136	80,583	47,360	1,940,698
6. " production(c) ..	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	38,114	1,365,509
7. " output ..	1,446,669	1,100,656	356,017	293,061	149,585	88,601	3,434,589
8. " land & buildings, ..	221,519	186,324	46,187	42,133	30,230	29,603	555,996
9. " plant & mchnry, ..	258,596	226,347	76,367	52,145	54,958	29,879	698,292

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production(a)—Australia.
(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	5,146	21,893	23,287	26,567	31,504
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,572	20,946	22,170	26,229	30,306
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	63,715	67,835	82,317	98,126
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	413,051	421,275	468,298	532,969
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate ..	931	5,438	5,239	6,406	6,857
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,918	56,584	64,833	78,558	78,394
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	13,623	15,838	16,613	16,917
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	81,058	82,786	93,563	98,417
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	41,601	141,053	164,333	177,881	186,539
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	58,082	58,245	65,731	74,237
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200	19,320	19,315	21,367	23,657
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c.	14,559	68,234	68,293	79,312	90,540
XIII. Rubber	2,761	18,045	16,627	21,102	22,725
XIV. Musical Instruments	136	1,416	1,378	1,845	2,065
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	17,179	18,353	23,037	25,585
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	25,230	33,055	38,219	46,671
Total	203,417	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045	1,365,509

(a) See note (c) on previous page.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)
(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1950-51—Males ..	609.05	610.44	516.83	583.37	515.67	558.67	591.41
Females	338.08	355.57	289.82	322.03	279.55	322.46	338.12
1951-52—Males ..	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.25	643.68	687.09	725.57
Females	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.70	351.30	404.71	422.04
1952-53—Males ..	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
Females	473.28	483.46	400.48	451.80	400.32	448.58	467.79
1953-54—Males ..	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.49	754.20	791.86	820.98
Females	499.19	510.96	418.23	465.95	421.93	477.84	493.10
1954-55—Males ..	906.61	891.40	773.47	883.13	797.80	833.05	877.84
Females	514.94	529.63	431.68	477.11	434.21	487.12	509.56

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1954-55.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males	316,673	251,675	83,290	73,714	42,294	21,045	788,691
Females	103,137	94,973	17,003	15,851	7,020	4,407	242,391
Masculinity(b) ..	307	265	490	465	602	478	325

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.(a)
Beer	Mill. gal.	89	183	192	209	222	(b) 233
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	149.9	148.3	150.5	150.8	155.7
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	1,291	939	1,202	1,532	1,638
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair.	13,967	19,029	17,970	20,476	19,881	19,632
Bricks, Clay	Million	721	720	667	802	839	829
Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	23.3	24.3	26.1	28.1	27.4
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	868	1,237	1,439	1,700	1,920	2,014
Cloth, Woven, Woollen(e)	Mill. sq. yds.	31.8	29.1	28.6	32.6	28.9	27.6
Coal—Black	'000 tons	12,608	19,170	18,545	19,424	19,352	19,081
Brown	" "	3,663	8,096	8,075	8,731	9,668	10,382
Confectionery—Chocolate	Mill. lb.	43.5	61.3	59.0	62.6	54.3	61.5
Other	" "	58.1	78.7	76.6	76.9	81.5	83.1
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons	17.5	17.8	19.1	20.9	30.4	29.1
Electricity	Mill. kWh	4,688	11,297	12,045	13,707	15,172	16,785
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	610.4	601.7	972.9	1183.0	1,094.1
Enamels, Natural and Synthetic. .	'000 gal.	575	2,093	2,108	2,699	3,642	4,118
Engines, Internal Combustion—							
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	2,112	1,232	1,357	1,364	1,173
Other(f)	" "	2,889	30,352	21,446	27,467	48,292	97,089
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	7,605	16,470	15,418	16,185	17,784	16,902
Flour, Wheat	'000 short tons	1,373	1,721	1,726	1,609	1,533	1,534
Fruit, Preserved(g)	Mill. lb.	150.7	256.1	228.4	338.6	319.2	300.4
Gas(h)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	40,391	40,722	42,100	43,465	44,629
Gold (Mine Production)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	909	1,038	1,111	1,080	1,029
Hosiery—Men's and Boys'	'000 doz. pr.	1,102	1,462	1,575	1,895	1,641	1,570
Women's and Girls'	" "	2,136	1,867	2,337	2,793	3,017	2,998
Children's	" "	641	462	422	570	532	296
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	4,262	17,306	13,425	13,678	14,812	16,023
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,105	1,430	1,692	1,827	1,869	1,910
Ingot Steel	" "	1,170	1,521	1,801	2,117	2,209	2,339
Jam	" "	37.9	48.3	34.6	38.3	36.5	36.7
Lacquers	'000 gal.	576	1,191	1,013	1,307	1,476	1,491
Lead(i)	'000 tons.	233	188	192	236	235	225
Malt, Barley and Wheat	'000 bush.	3,733	6,242	6,793	7,253	7,663	7,875
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	7,448	15,952	15,856	21,866	21,972	29,012
Other	" "	31,221	56,168	49,337	49,939	49,171	43,384
Meat, Canned(j)	'000 tons.	14.4	71.8	92.7	71.9	73.8	72.4
Newsprint	" "		32.6	34.0	60.4	73.6	79.0
Paints, Ready Mixed	'000 gal.	2,115	5,513	4,300	5,180	6,098	6,575
Refrigerators, Domestic	Thousand	29.5	192.8	182.1	274.5	281.6	248.0
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	6,681	6,388	8,360	7,627	8,101
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	7,578	6,982	8,632	7,324	7,957
Soap	'000 cwt.	998	1,305	1,209	1,247	1,300	1,296
Stoves, Cooking(k)Electric(l)	Thousand	(m)	50.9	22.5	37.2	47.1	46.5
Gas	" "	46.7	51.0	35.7	43.0	58.8	54.1
Solid Fuel	" "	54.5	71.7	47.0	50.4	49.7	45.9
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	339	493	440	449	482	492
Sulphate of Ammonia	" "	24.3	63.8	70.2	70.8	78.4	75.0
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	" "	489	650	627	732	833	895
Superphosphate	" "	1,199	1,597	1,581	1,771	1,961	2,126
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta	Million	39.7	48.9	58.0	63.8	63.9	64.6
Cement	" "	4.5	66.5	46.9	44.7	53.7	55.7
Timber, Sawn Native(n)	Mill. sup. ft.	717	1,393	1,340	1,400	1,419	1,454
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill lb.	23.3	33.5	36.3	41.8	44.5	45.7
Vegetables, Preserved(o)	" "	10.3	100.4	66.3	40.3	51.1	78.1
Wool, Scoured	" "	105	121	124	137	136	144
Wool Tops	" "	25.2	24.8	26.5	32.8	30.9	34.7
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	" "	32.5	36.5	35.6	45.9	42.6	43.9
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons	69.8	84.1	86.2	99.2	100.5	103.9

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with fibres other than rayon. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Includes lead in lead bullion, produced for export. (j) Excludes canned rabbit and poultry. (k) Domestic. (l) Excludes stovettes, cookers, &c. (m) Figures prior to 1948-49 not available on a comparable basis. (n) Includes sawn sleepers. (o) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION^(a)—AUSTRALIA.^(b)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (d)	1954-55. (e)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture.. ..	41,679	218,703	208,130	246,685	276,398	268,460	244,396
Pastoral(f)	63,820	337,121	704,809	400,493	493,745	491,716	461,464
Dairying	33,782	81,102	89,352	103,776	135,745	136,956	135,798
Poultry	7,302	22,228	24,614	31,554	35,213	34,782	29,787
Bee-farming(g) ..	123	743	881	774	1,066	1,426	1,398
Total Rural	146,706	659,897	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340	872,843
Trapping(g)	1,422	5,716	6,629	6,713	5,595	5,074	4,961
Forestry(g)	7,811	23,195	23,428	37,905	40,064	41,720	44,163
Fishing and Whaling(g)	1,654	4,234	4,869	5,729	6,897	7,741	8,727
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	52,327	71,150	97,199	109,671	104,875	118,066
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	85,472	111,076	147,546	162,227	159,410	175,917
Total All Primary ..	184,968	745,369	1,138,812	930,828	1,104,394	1,092,750	1,048,760
Factories	203,417	661,532	843,872	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045	1,365,509
Total All Industries	388,385	1,406,901	1,982,684	1,955,695	2,187,256	2,319,795	2,414,269

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture	6 0 6	27 6 2	25 3 8	29 1 3	31 16 1	30 6 4	26 17 8
Pastoral(f)	9 4 7	42 1 11	85 5 7	47 3 8	56 16 2	55 10 7	50 15 4
Dairying	4 17 9	10 2 6	10 16 3	12 4 6	15 12 4	15 9 4	14 13 9
Poultry	1 1 1	2 15 7	2 19 7	3 14 4	4 1 1	3 18 7	3 5 6
Bee-farming(g) ..	0 0 4	0 1 11	0 2 0	0 1 10	0 2 5	0 3 2	0 3 1
Total Rural	21 4 3	82 8 1	124 7 1	92 5 7	108 8 1	105 8 0	96 0 4
Trapping(g)	0 4 1	0 14 3	0 16 1	0 15 10	0 12 11	0 11 6	0 10 11
Forestry(g)	1 2 7	2 17 11	3 8 10	4 9 3	4 12 2	4 14 3	4 17 2
Fishing and Whaling(g)	0 4 10	0 10 7	0 11 9	0 13 6	0 15 11	0 17 6	0 19 3
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	6 10 9	8 12 2	11 9 0	12 12 4	11 16 10	12 19 8
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 8	10 13 6	13 8 10	17 7 7	18 13 4	18 0 1	19 7 0
Total All Primary ..	26 14 11	93 1 7	137 15 11	109 13 2	127 1 5	123 8 1	115 7 4
Factories	29 8 4	82 12 2	102 2 2	120 14 10	124 11 11	138 11 5	150 4 3
Total All Industries	56 3 3	175 13 9	239 18 1	230 8 0	251 13 4	261 19 6	265 11 7

^(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c.^(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.^(c) Includes Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying.^(d) Includes^(e) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.^(f) Distributions of profits from the 1939-45^(g) Local value.

Wartime Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a) 1954-55.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)							
Agriculture	48,711	61,697	59,656	39,476	23,483	11,240	244,396
Pastoral(c)	175,446	112,196	82,180	45,220	36,194	7,647	461,464
Dairying	44,748	46,428	25,070	10,666	3,226	5,510	135,798
Poultry	12,839	11,796	1,097	1,706	1,363	881	29,787
Bee-farming(d) ..	736	353	70	126	97	15	1,398
Total Rural	282,480	232,470	168,073	97,194	64,363	25,293	872,843
Trapping(d)	1,923	2,152	152	379	168	165	4,961
Forestry(d)	13,686	9,987	7,895	4,427	3,866	4,037	44,163
Fishing and Whaling(d)	2,739	849	1,275	1,046	2,149	556	8,727
Mining and Quarrying ..	63,965	8,146	15,934	7,074	14,782	7,057	118,066
Total Non-rural ..	82,313	21,134	25,256	12,926	20,965	11,815	175,917
Total All Primary ..	364,793	253,604	193,329	110,120	85,328	37,108	1,048,760
Factories	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	38,114	1,365,509
Total All Industries..	947,920	705,827	313,390	221,148	146,284	75,222	2,414,269

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ s. d.)

Agriculture	14 1 7	24 15 11	45 0 2	48 17 8	36 3 10	35 18 2	26 17 8
Pastoral(c)	50 14 3	45 1 10	62 0 0	55 19 11	55 15 7	24 8 7	50 15 4
Dairying	12 18 8	18 13 2	18 18 3	13 4 2	4 19 5	17 12 1	14 18 9
Poultry	3 14 2	4 14 10	0 16 7	2 2 3	2 2 0	2 16 3	3 5 6
Bee-farming(d) ..	0 4 3	0 2 10	0 1 1	0 3 1	0 3 0	0 1 0	0 3 1
Total Rural	81 12 11	93 8 7	126 16 1	120 7 1	99 3 10	80 16 1	96 0 4
Trapping(d)	0 11 2	0 17 4	0 2 3	0 9 5	0 5 2	0 10 7	0 10 11
Forestry(d)	3 19 1	4 0 3	5 19 2	5 9 8	5 19 2	12 17 11	4 17 2
Fishing and Whaling(d)	0 15 10	0 6 10	0 19 3	1 5 11	3 6 3	1 15 6	0 19 3
Mining and Quarrying ..	18 9 9	3 5 6	12 0 5	8 15 2	22 15 7	22 10 11	12 19 8
Total Non-Rural ..	23 15 10	8 9 11	19 1 1	16 0 2	32 6 2	37 14 11	19 7 0
Total All Primary ..	105 8 9	101 18 6	145 17 2	136 7 3	131 10 0	118 11 0	115 7 4
Factories	168 11 0	181 15 1	90 11 7	137 9 8	93 18 10	121 15 3	150 4 3
Total All Industries..	273 19 9	283 13 7	236 8 9	273 16 11	225 8 10	240 6 3	265 11 7

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (c) Distributions of profits from the War-time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (d) Local value.

INDEXES OF QUANTUM OF FARM PRODUCTION.

(Base : Average 1936-37 to 1938-39=100.)

The indexes shown in this table relate to gross output of farm products (as defined by Australian Statisticians). They have been calculated by the fixed-base weighted aggregative method, the weights used being constant unit gross values for each farm product for the base period (1936-37 to 1938-39).

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1950-51	108	109	106	109	116	107
1951-52	103	105	97	103	112	100
1952-53	121	126	108	121	131	118
1953-54	129	123	107	122	128	120
1954-55(a)	120	127	117	123	132	120

(a) Preliminary estimate.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE, 1956.(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
Houses ..	76,585	68,208	17,574	23,281	22,542	7,301	2,610	1,245	219,436
Flats ..	1,666	3,152	350	194	1,282	178	..	(a)	6,822
Shops ..	4,565	3,850	1,255	911	985	407	360	128	12,461
Business Premises—									
Office ..	4,206	2,410	877	409	421	142	268	111	8,844
Other ..	4,124	2,781	3,412	1,707	1,314	588	86	27	14,039
Factories ..	9,448	17,652	1,456	4,489	1,878	2,191	72	60	37,246
Hotels, Guest Houses, &c. ..	3,424	1,523	651	438	70	73	(b)	(b)	6,322
Educational ..	6,297	4,553	1,391	1,029	1,081	1,071	200	55	15,677
Religious ..	1,013	701	269	125	196	42	(b)	(b)	2,409
Health ..	3,548	2,014	2,143	866	1,799	116	(b)	(b)	10,068
Entertainment and Recreation ..	1,823	879	343	171	532	174	66	80	4,068
Miscellaneous ..	7,439	3,209	798	597	1,578	425	394	172	14,612
Total ..	124,138	110,932	30,519	33,717	33,678	12,798	4,287	1,935	352,004

(a) Included with houses.

(b) Confidential.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

1950-51 ..	(a) 79,750	74,750	21,082	17,827	14,186	10,336	2,439	(b)	(a) 220,370
1951-52 ..	83,460	78,740	27,605	22,606	18,724	11,004	2,559	(b)	244,698
1952-53 ..	71,005	60,244	25,680	25,819	20,919	6,611	2,788	(b)	213,066
1953-54 ..	111,097	87,733	27,839	25,649	26,369	9,224	2,856	(b)	290,767
1954-55 ..	124,420	101,995	32,073	29,946	35,458	10,836	5,032	1,605	342,265
1955-56 ..	135,845	121,570	35,024	43,202	26,972	9,889	4,708	2,300	379,510

COMPLETED.

1950-51 ..	(a) 49,466	52,140	17,286	12,042	8,948	8,403	1,717	(b)	150,002
1951-52 ..	76,207	68,925	25,339	18,123	14,426	10,511	2,723	(b)	216,254
1952-53 ..	98,049	76,593	26,233	25,882	22,918	10,665	2,875	(b)	263,215
1953-54 ..	101,545	85,250	25,913	26,108	25,785	9,692	3,878	(b)	278,171
1954-55 ..	110,694	97,886	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	2,943	1,653	313,320
1955-56 ..	124,138	110,932	30,519	33,717	33,678	12,798	4,287	1,935	352,004

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1950-51 ..	(a)								(a)
1951-52 ..	102,708	84,976	15,653	17,272	15,942	12,178	5,302	(b)	254,031
1952-53 ..	125,674	102,278	18,728	23,813	22,302	13,770	6,208	(b)	312,773
1953-54 ..	105,261	93,139	17,838	25,253	23,189	10,494	7,161	(b)	282,335
1954-55 ..	120,460	99,372	19,699	23,730	25,701	11,782	7,249	(b)	307,993
1955-56 ..	136,522	106,196	23,446	26,854	29,102	12,399	10,643	1,573	346,735
	157,617	123,445	28,210	36,996	25,550	9,864	11,240	1,967	394,889

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1956.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	5,350	6,938	653	6,200	3,262	685	394	41	23,523
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) ..	7,582	13,983	5,391	131	152	1,934	209	7	29,389
Fibro Cement ..	13,399	1,333	1,262	1,373	4,338	102	2	261	22,071
Other ..	38	398	89	17	8	..	..	3	553
Total ..	26,369	22,652	7,396	7,721	7,760	2,721	605	312	75,536

(a) Includes flats.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

1950-51 ..	(b)25,162	26,949	10,698	7,966	6,970	4,122	877	(c)	(b)82,744
1951-52 ..	24,364	23,506	11,995	8,510	7,730	3,584	312	(c)	80,001
1952-53 ..	21,030	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	528	(c)	64,457
1953-54 ..	23,395	20,915	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,665	355	(c)	75,243
1954-55 ..	25,502	22,674	7,784	7,190	8,575	2,667	640	249	75,481
1955-56 ..	24,437	21,245	7,173	8,377	6,336	2,490	499	341	70,898

COMPLETED.

1950-51 ..	(b)19,771	21,194	10,275	6,725	5,160	3,914	574	(c)	(b)67,613
1951-52 ..	23,351	24,088	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,999	584	(c)	78,113
1952-53 ..	24,890	21,241	10,598	8,940	7,965	3,314	590	(c)	77,538
1953-54 ..	26,513	21,593	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,630	552	(c)	75,398
1954-55 ..	28,882	23,839	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,480	398	199	79,888
1955-56 ..	26,369	22,652	7,396	7,721	7,760	2,721	605	312	75,536

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1950-51 ..	(b)31,793	27,308	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	(c)	(b)80,876
1951-52 ..	32,806	26,726	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	(c)	82,830
1952-53 ..	28,946	21,675	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	(c)	69,714
1953-54 ..	30,828	20,995	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	(c)	69,573
1954-55 ..	27,448	19,827	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	691	211	65,359
1955-56 ..	25,516	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	585	240	60,687

(a) Includes flats.

(b) Partly estimated.

(c) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
1950-51 ..	966	333	26	..	305	18	36	(b)	1,684
1951-52 ..	1,225	416	29	..	215	21	100	(b)	2,006
1952-53 ..	1,664	692	53	58	100	14	46	(b)	2,627
1953-54 ..	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	..	(b)	2,180
1954-55 ..	701	781	309	105	316	48	12	(c)	2,272
1955-56(d)	776	1,273	200	86	584	49	..	(c)	2,968

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) Not available. (c) Included with houses. (d) In this period 2,653 flats were commenced, and 2,527 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	210,148	280,537	346,096	336,976
Victoria	40,463	173,775	237,683	297,494	299,340
Queensland	9,070	43,222	55,631	68,883	61,738
South Australia	6,670	43,275	51,472	64,804	62,752
Western Australia	6,137	29,874	42,595	50,648	46,482
Tasmania	1,292	13,315	13,049	15,129	12,641
Northern Territory	34	500	642	688	1,155
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4
Australia	116,754	514,109	681,609	843,742	821,088
EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales	45,903	270,082	263,175	220,657	225,710
Victoria	30,819	228,118	203,581	216,572	209,396
Queensland	28,652	145,098	165,105	154,483	152,145
South Australia	14,841	122,948	110,249	95,079	97,798
Western Australia	17,070	83,143	68,459	68,507	76,143
Tasmania	3,198	21,849	17,733	18,762	20,305
Northern Territory	13	34	30	104	559
Australia	140,496	871,272	823,332	774,164	782,056

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.
(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
1938-39 ..	£A'000 257,250	£A'000 116,754	£A'000 135,476	£A'000 5,020	£A'000 140,496	£ 37.1	£ 16.8	£ 19.6	£ 0.7	£ 20.3
1952-53 ..	1,385,381	514,109	863,291	7,981	871,272	158.6	58.9	98.8	0.9	99.7
1953-54 ..	1,509,941	681,609	820,057	8,275	828,332	169.6	76.6	92.1	0.9	93.0
1954-55 ..	1,617,906	843,742	765,883	8,281	774,164	178.0	92.8	84.3	0.9	85.2
1955-56 ..	1,603,144	821,088	768,282	13,774	782,056	172.1	88.1	82.5	1.5	84.0

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' stores in £A'000 were: 1938-39, £2,106; 1952-53, £11,696; 1953-54, £10,266; 1954-55, £13,181; and 1955-56, £13,539.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)		
	Mer- chandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938-39 ..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1952-53 ..	510,342	3,767	514,109	848,498	22,774	871,272	+338,156	+19,007	+357,163
1953-54 ..	678,590	3,019	681,609	811,866	16,466	828,332	+133,276	+13,447	+146,723
1954-55 ..	840,972	2,770	843,742	758,041	16,123	774,164	-82,931	+13,353	-69,578
1955-56 ..	818,293	2,795	821,088	771,029	11,027	782,056	-47,264	+8,232	-39,032

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.
 (£A'000 l.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Bahrain Islands.	Belgium, Luxemburg.	Brazil.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	1,408	..	496	..	2	..	698	..	709	..	1	3
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	1,031	207	2	7,931	1,812	166	263	17	639	..	9	412
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	1,742	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	875	..	554	..	36	..	..	..	105	..	26	3
5. Live animals ..	224	..	..	..	7	4	405	2	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	395	..	18	..	507	..	1,302	..	41	..	2	1
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	814	2	9	235	1,174	164	1,170	6	430	..	300	21
8. Yarns and manufactures fibres, textiles and apparel ..	51,672	..	44	23	17,171	14	13	2	1	..	2,684	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	883	7,875	..	..	2,199	68	72	1,298	12	14,834	45	166
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	3,145	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	4	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	487	..	1,249	17	108	101	14	..	1,388	..	13	2
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	203,333	..	10,429	..	27	460	245	19	59	1	6,198	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	3,540	50	424	165	43	13,292	28	37	2	..	2	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	368	1,661	5,054	..	6	1,733	1,304	10	1	..	30	710
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	8,495	..	153	..	5	..	13	1	1	..	1,236	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	22,644	..	3,512	..	96	1	2,352	..	45	..	114	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	2,914	..	1	18	29	..	1	..	609	..	229	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	5,607	..	126	..	3	1	4	..	1	..	62	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products &c. ..	14,597	..	269	36	16	8	69	..	333	24	187	5
20. Miscellaneous ..	31,739	6	1,069	207	266	106	337	61	236	2	439	9
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	281	..	..	..	..	..
Year 1955-56 ..	355,913	9,801	23,417	8,632	23,469	16,118	8,531	1,453	4,617	14,861	11,581	1,332
„ 1954-55 ..	378,669	10,521	23,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	2,492	4,349	15,319	12,234	2,132
„ 1953-54 ..	331,701	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	8,599	3,375	16,410	7,063	1,851
„ 1952-53 ..	214,702	5,998	19,546	9,786	14,646	5,798	3,999	5,858	3,101	14,912	5,506	901
„ 1938-39 ..	46,094	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	(a)	291	744	1,122	81

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya,

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	Czecho- slovakia.	France.	Germany, Federal Republicof.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Iran.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total All Coun- tries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	8	11	201	..	93	1,801	66	837	..	8	82	7,566
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	13	157	68	2,302	693	79	1,035	4	..	4	65	22,059
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	4	216	11	..	39	..	14	..	..	..	5	2,100
4. Tobacco ..	..	1	8	74	..	..	126	1	..	..	10,764	16,215
5. Live animals ..	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	727
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	11	63	8	1	40	9	43	22	..	29	51	4,000
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures; and synthetic fibres ..	..	108	519	753	247	59	178	51	31	75	3,325	17,482
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	1,140	5,105	4,821	17	4,895	9,097	4,105	73	6	196	568	111,320
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	773	126	18,935	184	55	831	15	22,780	27	7,024	99,640
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	10	560	..	59	529	55	6	..	1	1,107	5,937
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	..	11	84	..	69	31	20	9	..	68	2,433	7,293
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	590	6,273	15,995	1	2,860	7,202	3,044	1,245	..	3,873	54,986	322,068
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	2	216	152	25	188	25	4	..	..	36	3,083	22,821
14. Wood and wicker ..	22	36	48	136	42	182	24	556	1	896	3,163	17,881
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	398	419	889	..	176	1,218	73	20	..	157	475	14,291
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	120	238	859	..	214	242	678	2,606	..	5,779	1,503	44,225
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	198	128	2,245	1	225	920	94	56	..	30	17	10,069
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	28	134	1,686	..	211	292	122	..	..	48	1,864	10,803
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	15	1,095	3,747	5	387	253	1,384	109	..	208	2,384	29,984
20. Miscellaneous ..	179	601	2,971	151	1,199	598	1,337	176	..	613	5,841	51,812
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2,795
Year 1955-56 ..	2,728	15,626	34,998	22,401	11,821	22,592	13,233	5,786	22,819	12,048	98,789	821,088
„ 1954-55 ..	2,331	14,689	30,838	22,529	11,740	18,422	13,081	6,510	5,934	13,516	102,167	843,742
„ 1953-54 ..	2,147	11,793	21,365	21,972	11,182	6,545	9,618	4,737	47	10,230	73,254	681,609
„ 1952-53 ..	1,019	9,253	13,582	21,544	5,225	4,692	5,954	2,420	323	6,786	85,168	514,109
„ 1938-39 ..	572	1,172	(a) 4,710	8,117	781	4,666	799	432	956	1,079	16,699	(b) 116,754

(a) Pre-War Germany.

(b) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic of	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium-Luxemburg.	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	80,159	1,845	1,682	1,296	1,830	1	2,797	83	4,266	70	851	552
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	57,396	5,639	3,465	2,243	3,595	311	3,552	13,510	3,537	25	1,301	118
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	432	251	2	12	6	..	33	106	42	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	22	..	14	12	2	..	2	181	11	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	2	..	2	13	3	..	19	118	385	1	10	..
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	86,040	2,886	22	791	2,136	1,212	..	362	15	478	21,725	860
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ; cork and manufactures ; and synthetic fibres ..	851	17	1	3	6	2	1	294	2	19	59	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	194	29	1	11	13	..	3	458	15	8	20	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	2,218	2	473	21	833	..	237	3,649	1,870	170	17	147
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	27	..	3	20	..	..	14	374	25	..	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	4,693	22	..	6	77	..	3	561	9	23	1,965	3
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	19,809	77	222	409	3,334	5	696	11,454	639	1,167	89	45
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1,654	5	2	413	13	..	60	343	124	61	..	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	534	30	19	12	8	2	6	1,641	8	108	2	10
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	15	..	..	..	58	..	4	430	24	3	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	283	2	14	1	8	..	14	1,753	57	38	..	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-pieces ..	60	13	20	8	..	..	1	177	11	54	4	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	79	2	3	12	6	..	13	548	16	37	..	1
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	504	33	56	72	112	..	188	1,324	143	87	120	13
20. Miscellaneous ..	2,269	57	256	572	119	3	1,694	3,514	901	88	10	25
21. Gold and silver ; bronze specie ..	233	1	2,430	8,126	..	..	..	48	..	1	..	..
Year 1955-56 ..	257,474	10,911	8,687	14,053	12,159	1,536	9,337	40,928	12,100	2,438	26,173	1,774
" 1954-55 ..	285,506	10,503	8,723	17,315	19,428	3,292	8,410	37,794	11,600	2,869	31,252	1,878
" 1953-54 ..	300,765	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	2,186	9,143	33,469	11,288	3,588	32,663	3,073
" 1952-53 ..	359,257	8,712	14,687	4,855	17,148	4,354	9,344	28,677	12,794	3,640	32,141	3,374
" 1938-39 ..	68,716	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,011	6,682	(a)	813	5,547	601

(a) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Iran.	Poland.	Sweden.	U.S.S.R.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	277	2,026	264	896	298	211	44	..	47	..	3,055	113,366
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	52	8,468	5,613	868	16,024	2,064	485	1,082	1,142	..	63	148,747
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	4	..	53	..	..	..	..	..	2	1,459
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	518
5. Live animals ..	..	1	2	1	94	21	..	..	..	..	82	1,188
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	66,089	24,476	28	30,223	65,544	2,207	205	7,113	1,448	..	24,364	360,692
7. Vegetable .. substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures and synthetic fibres ..	7	33	9	154	5	43	..	..	15	..	822	2,445
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	12	64	6	623	112	29	..	..	..	..	114	2,220
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	5	412	2	203	502	24	4	..	176	..	61	14,054
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	6	37	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	977
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	409	285	1	804	1,233	750	..	45	180	..	9,934	22,737
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	53	241	697	686	1,476	425	2	..	404	..	14,820	64,626
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	4	5	21	1	3	..	..	20	..	12	3,278
14. Wood and wicker ..	1	14	3	1	..	75	2	..	..	..	19	2,985
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	1	2	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	898
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	4	2	32	16	1	..	..	..	..	..	21	2,661
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	2	39	..	1	22	..	..	..	..	..	67	547
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	4	19	11	4	6	1	..	..	1	..	62	1,053
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	145	246	62	17	538	31	..	12	26	..	743	5,417
20. Miscellaneous ..	252	93	61	99	566	299	2	1	24	..	748	21,161
21. Gold and silver: bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	13	11,027
Year 1955-56 ..	67,313	36,431	6,837	34,622	86,490	6,183	744	8,253	3,483	..	55,004	782,056
.. 1954-55 ..	64,056	31,823	3,702	35,915	58,572	6,857	292	6,243	3,241	154	52,440	744,164
.. 1953-54 ..	74,401	27,096	6,585	51,326	55,698	5,578	198	7,286	3,601	26,146	55,534	828,332
.. 1952-53 ..	76,016	22,366	5,064	44,706	83,958	8,081	327	3,644	2,888	1,642	57,897	871,272
.. 1938-39 ..	9,386	(a) 2,652	1,380	1,211	4,865	1,039	3	426	637	278	19,562	140,496

(a) Pre-War Germany.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.
(£A'000.)

Statistical Class and Excise Division.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CUSTOMS.				
1. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	88	81	371	432
2. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin	367	368	1,558	1,346
3. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	623	669	2,621	2,713
4. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	4,038	3,118	15,839	12,546
5. Live Animals .. .. .	..	..	..	..
6. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs	1	4	7	18
7. Vegetable Substances and Fibres	55	81	209	256
8a. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	196	154	714	545
8b. Textiles	2,587	2,053	10,201	9,180
8c. Apparel	605	516	2,699	2,475
9. Oils, Fats and Waxes	5,837	5,006	23,137	19,336
10. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	39	42	138	145
11. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons	12	7	45	34
12a. Metals and Metal Manufactures	4,358	2,997	15,215	12,415
12b. Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances &c.	814	745	2,566	2,669
12c. Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	2,243	2,177	8,575	8,118
13a. Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	364	294	1,395	1,302
13b. Leather and Leather Manufactures	35	24	100	107
14. Wood and Wicker, raw and Manufactured	430	381	1,568	1,569
15. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware	588	520	2,207	2,309
16a. Pulp, Paper and Board	191	171	888	680
16b. Paper Manufactures and Stationery	126	115	564	561
17. Sporting Material, Toys, Jewellery and Timepieces	616	531	2,912	2,829
18. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments, &c.	298	315	1,155	1,242
19. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, &c.	301	281	1,228	1,226
20. Miscellaneous Goods (including Passengers' Baggage and Post Office Collections)	524	607	2,140	2,532
Sundry Undistributed Duties	69	57	199	267
Duties under Industries Preservation Act	4	1	25	8
Customs other Miscellaneous Receipts	108	97	362	332
Total Customs	25,522	21,412	98,638	87,192
Primage	2,170	1,635	8,681	7,733
Total Customs and Primage	27,692	23,047	107,319	94,925
EXCISE.				
Beer	17,597	22,184	76,380	85,345
Spirits	1,846	2,001	6,502	7,327
Tobacco	3,627	4,227	15,147	14,850
Cigars and Cigarettes	7,895	10,656	29,033	36,518
Petrol	3,736	7,051	12,908	21,214
Playing Cards	13	12	50	48
Cigarette Papers and Tubes	244	216	1,007	896
Matches	272	257	1,097	1,062
Coal	160	152	600	566
Other Excise including Licences	102	110	469	500
Total Excise	35,492	46,866	143,193	168,226
Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue	63,184	69,913	250,512	263,251
Refunds and Drawback Paid	1,520	2,035	6,109	7,480
Total Net Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue	61,664	67,878	244,403	255,771

**VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM
AUSTRALIA.**

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	111	61	360	303
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	406	351	1,519	1,616
Preserved in airtight containers ..	645	697	3,531	4,263
Other	145	131	561	595
Lactose	16	24	110	153
Meats—				
Sausage casings (excluding synthetic)	169	67	615	349
Other	26	15	73	77
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	63	51	265	210
Total, Class I.	1,581	1,397	7,034	7,566
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	734	247	2,411	1,142
Cocoa beans, shells, mass, paste or slab ..	3,096	1,177	4,560	2,566
Coffee and chicory	766	638	2,353	2,163
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate	130	50	321	281
Fruit, dried, dates	86	51	352	194
Grain and pulse	53	126	258	416
Hops	126	150	395	598
Nuts, edible	298	325	1,138	1,117
Pickles and sauces	43	38	153	118
Sago and tapioca	20	13	64	77
Spices	213	175	805	668
Sugar and sugar syrups	124	74	191	164
Tea	4,373	3,006	21,744	11,196
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	164	112	499	538
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	169	175	681	821
Total, Class II.	10,395	6,357	35,925	22,059
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry ..	16	6	46	29
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	432	445	1,561	1,623
Other	72	76	294	342
Wine, fermented	25	23	127	106
Total, Class III.	545	550	2,028	2,100

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment).

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	678	116	2,393	852
Cigars	27	45	107	129
Snuff .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	29	37	133	120
Unmanufactured	1,574	903	14,683	15,113
Total, Class IV.	2,308	1,101	17,316	16,215
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	192	192	693	727
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	195	274	596	977
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	14	11	108	58
Furred skins	111	118	538	551
Goat	63	33	303	210
Other	11	17	71	85
Shells	62	49	248	228
Silk, raw	12	3	58	8
Wool	521	606	2,003	1,635
Other animal substances	50	83	183	248
Total, Class VI.	1,039	1,194	4,108	4,000
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Copra	973	564	2,575	2,207
Cork and manufactures	177	178	668	607
Fibres—				
Coir	87	62	271	221
Cotton, raw	2,488	1,575	8,558	6,426
Flax and hemp	65	100	165	315
Jute	28	4	530	437
Kapok	69	52	366	276
Synthetic fibres and filaments	215	352	972	1,438
Other	470	545	1,425	1,545
Gums and resins	396	445	1,362	1,668
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	336	335	1,418	1,381
Oil seeds	72	4	247	190
Tanning substances	239	147	649	603
Other vegetable substances	49	43	255	168
Total, Class VII.	5,664	4,406	19,461	17,482

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	2,191	1,416	8,478	8,057
Woolpacks	887	520	3,045	1,823
Other	39	67	120	304
Cordage and twines and manufac- tures thereof	116	70	421	335
Sewing and other cotton ..	630	532	2,257	2,100
Yarns—				
Cotton	716	652	3,255	2,496
Hair	95	61	276	307
Synthetic fibre	2,512	2,096	8,990	8,922
Woollen	42	40	207	184
Other	38	40	111	173
Waste materials and scrap textile articles	9	9	44	29
Total, Class VIII.(a)	7,275	5,503	27,204	24,730
<i>(b) Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing ..	92	80	286	269
Floor coverings	3,093	2,372	12,052	10,364
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	218	195	1,402	1,367
Other	129	114	638	564
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck	343	291	1,398	1,264
Cotton and linen	11,245	9,745	42,921	37,163
Fabrics and felts, impregnated..	220	195	981	884
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	610	643	2,636	3,074
Synthetic fibre	4,308	2,912	15,641	13,103
Silk	370	258	1,066	982
Velvets, velveteens, &c. ..	391	394	1,668	1,568
Woollen	301	232	1,703	1,438
Felts	216	117	616	581
Other	254	223	1,025	865
Towels and towelling	280	207	1,358	962
Other textiles	116	150	574	673
Total, Class VIII.(b)	22,186	18,128	85,965	75,121
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Buttons, including snap fasteners..	94	84	347	321
Footwear	184	121	953	845
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	199	77	1,143	537
Outerwear	174	86	733	345
Underwear	21	11	199	95
Other	24	71	96	309

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.				
<i>(c) Apparel—continued.</i>				
Garments—continued.				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear	295	248	1,190	1,057
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	74	53	264	296
Gloves	243	253	1,627	1,357
Hats and caps	191	246	939	920
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece ..	148	287	487	918
Lace, nets and veilings ..	739	381	2,898	2,108
Ribbons and galloons ..	69	65	381	295
Other	363	274	1,294	1,175
Other apparel	214	177	1,033	891
Total, Class VIII.(c)	3,032	2,434	13,584	11,469
Total, Class VIII.	32,493	26,065	126,753	111,320
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	193	253	1,190	898
Oils—				
Castor	54	71	201	227
Linseed	404	343	1,386	1,255
Olive	232	141	821	702
Peanut (china)	110	82	338	395
Petroleum—				
Crude	8,999	13,725	28,552	44,260
Kerosene (including aviation turbine fuel)	2,286	2,054	7,705	7,399
Lubricating (mineral)	1,273	1,931	5,509	5,577
Residual and solar	2,452	928	13,807	5,910
Spirit	8,342	5,712	34,052	27,871
Turpentine substitutes	246	305	932	1,187
Other	240	610	693	2,320
Tung (china wood)	101	120	313	493
Other	337	396	1,419	1,146
Total, Class IX.	25,269	26,671	96,918	99,640
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	409	359	1,447	1,444
Titanium oxide and titanium white ..	370	441	1,406	1,457
Other	338	290	1,047	1,042
Dyes, natural and synthetic	512	451	1,750	1,737
Paints, colours and varnishes	47	61	250	257
Total, Class X.	1,676	1,602	5,900	5,937

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	135	160	597	607
Asbestos	850	490	3,247	2,395
Sulphur	806	727	2,720	2,740
Other rocks, minerals, &c. .. .	280	419	1,670	1,551
Total, Class XI.	2,071	1,796	8,234	7,293
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)	1,249	846	4,164	4,397
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	173	191	667	696
Chain and chains of base metal ..	190	216	678	785
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)—				
Pig	3,224	..	9,712	2,085
Other	449	319	1,992	1,510
Cutlery	635	552	2,522	2,400
Fencing posts and droppers ..	153	51	717	437
Heating and cooking appliances ..	440	242	1,421	1,231
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, &c... ..	4,074	2,954	9,708	13,719
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	320	844	1,066	1,729
Pig, scrap and powder	6	6	13	15
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	682	303	2,603	1,398
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	853	38	5,529	2,293
Plain	2,621	1,540	9,509	7,054
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	3,092	2,825	14,545	11,955
Structural	1,051	1,154	3,347	4,077
Kitchenware	127	89	441	457
Lamps and lampware	327	186	649	705
Leaf and foil	336	309	967	1,263
Meters and parts	634	601	2,476	2,263
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	63	64	299	321
Tin	285	194	516	442
Tools of trade	1,226	1,115	4,645	4,469
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and parts	1,905	3,812	8,490	9,828
Cycles and cycle parts	191	223	619	842
Motor cycles, side-cars, &c. ..	400	331	1,616	1,338
Motor vehicles—				
Complete	23,629	1,805	77,700	11,410
Bodies and parts		1,876		7,319
Chassis and parts		15,295		58,379
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	304	436	1,147	1,562
Other and parts	799	820	3,026	3,487

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—continued.</i>				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	1,090	720	2,577	3,675
Copper and copper base alloys..	32	32	146	85
Other	92	72	284	328
Wire manufactures—*				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys electrical conductor ..	33	..	122	183
Iron and steel	681	422	2,162	1,977
Other	6	10	29	36
Other metals and semi-manufactures†	553	543	1,920	2,013
Other metal manufactures ..	2,068	2,198	8,484	8,865
Total, Class XII.(a)	53,993	43,234	186,508	177,028
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	108	113	410	388
Cable and wire, covered ..	501	274	1,847	1,904
Communication equipment including radio and television ..	1,119	1,925	3,869	6,616
Dynamo electrical machines—				
Electrical motors	826	1,005	3,126	3,555
Other	878	1,243	3,191	4,199
Heating and cooking appliances ..	519	207	1,334	1,014
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines—				
Sparking plugs and parts ..	143	84	604	337
Other	112	118	320	321
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, &c. ..	372	500	1,630	1,651
Measuring and recording instruments	303	283	827	1,490
Protective equipment	201	326	742	1,103
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	1,642	1,420	5,046	5,518
Transformers and rectifiers ..	1,197	1,050	2,883	3,654
Other electrical machinery and appliances	827	1,083	2,890	3,771
Total, Class XII.(b)	8,748	9,631	28,719	35,521
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Air and gas compressors ..	331	309	1,354	1,146
Agricultural, horticultural, &c., machinery—				
Harvesting	310	305	2,542	2,129
Other	639	802	2,501	3,104
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	234	476	1,039	1,149
Dairying machinery	146	139	708	914
Hand tools (power driven) ..	608	601	2,209	2,098

* For cable and wire, covered, see Class XII.(b).
In the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or coated.

† Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)</i> —continued.				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	122	80	650	404
Washing machines	254	172	1,112	633
Other	168	116	784	541
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	1,778	2,204	5,542	7,385
Other	948	1,709	3,093	5,578
Motive power machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	1,293	1,941	5,088	6,757
Power boilers and parts ..	198	266	821	989
Tractors and parts	4,342	4,229	20,366	17,698
Turbines and parts	675	542	2,012	2,953
Other and parts	3,436	5,012	12,934	15,078
Office and accounting machines ..	1,701	1,163	5,836	6,197
Printing machinery	751	575	2,235	2,885
Pumps	216	321	900	1,190
Refrigerating appliances	238	217	1,243	926
Roller and ball bearings	846	1,117	2,878	3,663
Sewing machines	1,081	739	4,073	3,283
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery	2,061	1,630	7,948	6,952
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	344	142	1,244	796
Other	822	530	2,838	2,768
Other machines and machinery ..	3,139	3,614	11,992	12,303
Total, Class XII.(c)	26,681	28,951	103,942	109,519
Total, Class XII.	89,422	81,816	319,169	322,068
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> —				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated ..	3,149	2,758	12,091	15,183
Substitutes	56	961	242	2,643
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread ..	329	290	1,250	1,048
Tyres and tubes	707	555	2,383	2,025
Other	331	284	1,066	1,131
Total, Class XIII.(a)	4,572	4,848	17,032	22,030
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures</i> —				
Leather	125	90	395	367
Leather manufactures	140	93	398	424
Total, Class XIII.(b)	265	183	793	791
Total, Class XIII.	4,837	5,031	17,825	22,821

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	398	616	1,548	2,009
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	542	344	2,441	1,579
Undressed (including logs) ..	4,060	3,164	13,271	14,112
Wicker, bamboo and cane ..	51	46	199	181
Total, Class XIV. ..	5,051	4,170	17,459	17,881
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic) ..	215	265	927	821
Cement ..	249	33	942	206
Crockery and other householdware ..	1,527	1,065	5,544	4,909
Glass ..	926	939	3,784	3,643
Glassware ..	633	464	2,399	2,285
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	109	177	301	564
Tiles ..	412	301	1,314	1,341
Other earthenware, china, &c. ..	135	125	385	522
Total, Class XV. ..	4,206	3,369	15,596	14,291
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
<i>(a) Pulp, Paper and Board—</i>				
Millboard and other boards ..	401	398	1,798	1,582
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint ..	3,691	3,103	13,777	11,844
Other ..	1,659	1,231	5,441	4,923
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette) ..	575	466	2,206	1,728
Wrapping and bag papers ..	979	867	4,144	3,346
Writing and typewriting ..	621	504	2,116	2,170
Other ..	564	565	1,913	1,952
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	895	1,137	4,499	5,030
Total, Class XVI.(a) ..	9,385	8,271	35,894	32,575
<i>(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), directories, &c. ..	1,695	1,852	6,239	7,261
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils ..	222	285	1,099	1,101
Other ..	71	60	344	270
Other paper manufactures, stationery, &c. ..	732	693	2,834	3,018
Total, Class XVI.(b) ..	2,720	2,890	10,516	11,650
Total, Class XVI. ..	12,105	11,161	46,410	44,225

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES.				
Fancy goods	359	274	1,635	1,591
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery ..	319	297	1,628	1,327
Precious stones, unset	320	261	1,090	1,130
Sporting material	166	153	621	589
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements	407	342	1,439	1,388
Watches and watch movements	357	314	1,861	1,847
Toys	475	383	2,168	2,197
Total, Class XVII.	2,403	2,024	10,442	10,069
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	499	344	1,781	1,662
Cinematographs	203	91	697	453
Films for cinematographs	496	640	1,860	1,906
Photographic goods	174	186	592	613
Instruments and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	272	277	1,252	1,272
Surgical and dental	699	605	2,365	2,417
Other scientific instruments and appliances	532	634	2,216	2,480
Total, Class XVIII.	2,875	2,777	10,763	10,803
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	326	361	1,387	1,323
Additives for petroleum oils	487	300	1,184	1,198
Alcohols and spirits	248	308	834	853
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	322	144	1,598	1,305
Vitamin and vitamin preparations	130	114	492	426
Other	1,528	1,626	5,499	6,677
Essential oils	190	186	618	585
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts	91	269	489	652
Rock phosphates	608	723	2,166	2,828
Other	28	173	1,028	566
Perfumery and toilet preparations	197	139	720	690
Soap and substitutes	160	118	545	678
Sodium cyanide	90	68	231	231
Styrene (monomer)	200	162	528	536
Tetraethyl lead	230	211	814	759
Chemical compounds, n.e.i.	2,546	2,459	8,904	9,709
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i. ..	225	188	904	968
Total, Class XIX.	7,606	7,549	27,941	29,984

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	115	32	491	198
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	495	460	2,744	1,368
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, &c. ..	195	125	895	763
Brushware	80	66	361	319
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	4,707	1,115	6,719	4,787
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, &c., including records ..	379	275	1,116	1,351
Other	201	160	707	710
Outside packages	4,078	3,818	15,382	14,953
Packings for engines, boilers, &c. ..	381	295	1,420	1,277
Passengers' effects	673	984	2,709	3,807
Prefabricated buildings	57	230	880	808
Specialized equipment for large-scale projects—				
Electric power station	85	80	266	261
Oil refining	378	5	1,514	454
Other	506	652	2,282	1,574
Synthetic resins	1,415	1,440	5,504	4,560
Vessels (ships)	73	1,569	2,325	6,349
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	201	82	887	648
All other articles	1,047	2,082	4,795	7,625
Total, Class XX.	15,066	13,470	50,997	51,812
Total, Merchandise	226,804	202,698	840,972	818,293
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte	1,149	582	2,724	2,745
Silver, including silver in matte	15	10	46	50
Total, Class XXI.	1,164	592	2,770	2,795
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	97,522	87,025	346,096	336,976
Victoria	77,346	71,096	297,494	299,340
Queensland	18,054	16,634	68,883	61,738
South Australia	15,853	13,348	64,804	62,752
Western Australia	14,204	11,521	50,648	46,482
Tasmania	4,800	3,330	15,129	12,641
Northern Territory	189	333	688	1,155
Australian Capital Territory .. ..	..	3	..	4
GRAND TOTAL	227,968	203,290	843,742	821,088

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	6,765	7,292	24,589	28,966
Cheese	779	1,376	5,058	3,537
Eggs	292	519	5,996	5,302
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process ..	644	764	1,770	2,000
Ghee	109	111	395	363
Honey	501	769	1,039	1,567
Infants' and invalids' foods	372	474	1,416	1,622
Margarine	8	4	62	25
Meats—				
Bacon and hams	41	46	355	229
Meat extracts	233	176	881	738
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	4,333	5,203	21,899	23,431
Lamb	518	456	10,191	7,867
Mutton	364	341	1,626	1,885
Offals	525	674	2,565	2,979
Pork	78	100	781	364
Poultry	73	30	546	349
Rabbit and hare	451	737	1,478	1,857
Preserved in airtight containers	4,657	4,754	20,568	18,230
Sausage casings(a)	475	583	1,905	2,128
Other	89	124	698	409
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated	1,004	799	3,845	3,922
Dried, including malted	911	1,278	4,462	5,007
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	76	203	421	589
Total, Class I.	23,298	26,813	112,546	113,366
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	78	106	367	396
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate	164	126	405	346
Foods for animals	245	668	591	1,165
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes	204	310	757	657
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	355	701	917	1,151
Raisins	2,287	2,411	6,720	6,224
Other	148	154	804	430
Fresh—				
Apples	4,625	5,487	5,444	6,513
Citrus	107	134	783	869
Other	1,804	1,248	2,545	1,753
Frozen .. .. .	..	1	..	2
Preserved in tins and other airtight containers	6,512	7,249	15,248	15,478
Pulped	76	132	296	244

(a) Excludes synthetic casings.

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES —continued.				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods	134	133	490	591
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white	5,522	5,762	20,307	19,706
Other	167	191	877	568
Rice	452	382	1,985	2,024
Other	324	432	1,090	1,195
Unprepared—				
Barley	2,304	5,399	10,357	10,471
Maize	142	54	301	122
Oats	583	1,208	1,376	3,578
Peas (not split)	89	265	486	465
Sorghum	278	346	850	512
Wheat	11,085	15,793	45,222	46,456
Other	279	388	874	1,098
Jams and fruit jellies	63	93	361	266
Soups	37	108	405	335
Sugar (cane)	4,757	6,170	31,148	24,723
Tea	57	88	332	186
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped	60	68	284	214
Other	105	201	411	461
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	210	185	567	548
Total, Class II.	43,253	55,993	152,600	148,747
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, &c.	160	93	552	467
Spirits (beverages)	80	80	347	258
Wine	252	212	817	734
Total, Class III.	492	385	1,716	1,459
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	37	23	124	295
Tobacco	57	72	224	223
Total, Class IV.	94	95	348	518
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	90	79	346	475
Horses	67	111	251	265
Sheep	93	80	340	332
Other live animals	30	47	94	116
Total, Class V.	280	317	1,031	1,188

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	482	900	2,012	2,858
Kangaroo and wallaby	46	26	281	285
Opossum	10	2	42	15
Rabbit and hare	297	259	1,100	1,711
Sheep and lamb	3,547	3,839	15,942	15,691
Other (including sheepskin and lamb-skin pieces)	85	73	328	322
Pearl-shell	79	140	690	844
Trochus-shell	118	161	579	727
Wool—				
Greasy	79,126	90,801	310,904	293,727
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	11,082	13,821	42,204	43,802
Other animal substances	185	176	608	710
Total, Class VI.	95,057	110,198	374,690	360,692
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	462	680	1,310	1,788
Tanning substances	31	55	351	480
Other vegetable substances	32	43	170	177
Total, Class VII.	525	778	1,831	2,445
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	264	358	835	1,020
Yarns—				
Woollen	6	21	160	53
Other	63	28	227	107
Other manufactured fibres	31	18	125	90
Total, Class VIII.(a)	364	425	1,347	1,270
(b) Textiles—				
Blankets and blanketing	3	2	11	8
Piece goods—				
Cotton	39	39	147	110
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres	90	29	346	115
Woollen	25	16	107	65
Other	43	27	95	89
Other textiles	84	50	265	190
Total, Class VIII.(b)	284	163	971	577

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued*.
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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—<i>continued</i>.				
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Footwear	15	20	70	74
Outerwear	27	38	141	137
Underwear and sleeping attire ..	11	17	77	55
Other apparel	25	27	151	107
Total, Class VIII.(c)	78	102	439	373
Total, Class VIII.	726	690	2,757	2,220
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and waxes, &c.—				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow ..	38	25	166	80
Fatty acids	36	73	120	224
Tallow, edible and inedible	405	1,497	1,771	4,027
Other	50	60	170	188
Oils—				
Petroleum and shale	1,710	3,078	2,610	7,824
Whale	63	3	1,543	1,478
Other	74	53	208	233
Total, Class IX.	2,376	4,789	6,588	14,054
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	63	84	227	252
Paints and enamels prepared for use ..	136	153	436	457
Other pigments, paints and varnishes ..	43	103	259	268
Total, Class X.	242	340	922	977
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	182	221	381	694
Asphalt, tar and pitch	61	89	325	356
Coal	212	206	1,147	780
Coke	77	194	180	538
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—				
Lead and silver-lead	826	1,654	3,934	4,278
Titanium and zirconium	727	2,102	2,896	5,226
Tungsten	843	1,070	3,188	3,648
Zinc	446	1,747	2,838	4,947
Other	642	607	1,797	1,701
Other stones and minerals	81	178	366	569
Total, Class XI.	4,097	8,068	17,052	22,737

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

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Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Cadmium	47	73	240	249
Copper	480	4,017	1,818	6,851
Copper-base alloys	188	144	604	534
Iron and steel	1,703	2,635	6,511	6,290
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	1,101	1,357	6,133	4,789
Pig	3,964	5,530	17,182	19,542
Other	232	364	1,521	1,617
Zinc	769	1,481	3,965	4,643
Other	83	85	289	289
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	90	93	408	332
Tools of trade	109	110	420	356
Vehicles and parts	1,033	1,152	3,418	3,004
Window louvres	155	177	543	579
Other metal manufactures ..	891	908	2,711	2,734
Total, Class XII.(a)	10,845	18,126	45,763	51,809
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	123	131	454	456
Communication equipment ..	127	218	694	1,046
Other electrical appliances ..	336	365	1,178	1,250
Total, Class XII.(b)	586	714	2,326	2,752
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	118	76	1,185	500
Agricultural, horticultural &c. machinery	452	392	1,454	1,254
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	111	157	496	588
Motive power machinery ..	1,478	396	2,267	1,437
Personal and massage appliances ..	174	33	407	383
Pumps, machinery	161	64	540	276
Refrigerating appliances ..	95	84	417	351
Other machines and machinery ..	1,404	1,241	4,253	5,281
Total, Class XII.(c)	3,993	2,443	11,019	10,065
Total, Class XII.	15,424	21,283	59,108	64,626

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> ..	215	234	795	667
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i> Leather—				
Hide leathers—				
Sole	186	146	655	506
Other	274	620	1,312	1,756
Sheep and lamb	39	29	181	111
Other	30	38	117	129
Leather manufactures	40	25	136	109
Total, Class XIII.(b)	569	858	2,401	2,611
Total, Class XIII.	784	1,092	3,196	3,278
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	34	197	308	711
Timber	357	433	1,506	1,751
Wood and wicker manufactures	143	196	502	523
Total, Class XIV.	534	826	2,316	2,985
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE ..	302	238	1,161	898
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i>	84	154	414	481
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i> Books (printed), periodicals, news- papers, &c.	317	388	1,318	1,396
Paper manufactures and stationery	151	218	829	784
Total, Class XVI.(b)	468	606	2,147	2,180
Total, Class XVI.	552	760	2,561	2,661
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, &c. ..	33	43	160	186
Sporting goods	60	73	247	251
Other	29	26	163	110
Total, Class XVII.	122	142	570	547
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, &c.	83	38	318	192
Photographic goods and materials	146	115	521	455
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	39	154	414	406
Total, Class XVIII.	268	307	1,253	1,053

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	11	12	78	44
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetylsalicylic acid.. ..	27	75	150	256
Other	321	356	1,295	1,180
Eucalyptus oil	38	82	155	274
Perfumery and toilet preparations ..	43	55	189	212
Soap	52	65	258	227
Other chemicals, elements and compounds	397	581	1,691	2,586
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	159	180	689	638
Total, Class XIX.	1,048	1,406	4,505	5,417
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms and ammunition	44	24	165	190
Exports by the Commonwealth Government for Australian Government projects being carried out abroad and for Australian representatives abroad ..	553	1,548	1,184	2,383
Exports made with the intention of re-importing including exports by Australian Airways companies for servicing their own aircraft abroad	(a)	1,332	(a)	4,409
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	485	365	1,962	3,467
Synthetic resins	108	246	598	660
Unclassified exports valued at less than £50 for any one consignment.. ..	1,158	1,363	2,291	4,678
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad ..	98	149	407	815
All other articles	808	1,451	4,683	4,559
Total, Class XX.	3,254	6,478	11,290	21,161
Total, Merchandise	192,728	240,998	758,041	771,029
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze Specie .. .. .	..	1	1	..
Gold, including gold in matte	3,719	81	13,718	8,323
Silver, including silver in matte ..	460	804	2,404	2,704
Total, Class XXI.	4,179	886	16,123	11,027
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	55,646	66,132	220,657	225,710
Victoria	58,446	63,148	216,572	209,396
Queensland	39,331	44,323	154,484	152,145
South Australia	19,223	31,500	95,079	97,798
Western Australia	17,087	25,041	68,507	76,143
Tasmania	7,115	11,338	18,761	20,305
Northern Territory	59	402	104	559
Australian Produce	194,875	237,537	765,883	768,282
Re-exports	2,032	4,347	8,281	13,774
GRAND TOTAL	196,907	241,884	774,164	782,056

(a) Not recorded separately. Prior to July, 1955 goods in this category were classified according to commodity.

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
		1955	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter.. .. .	'000 lb.	39,334	46,895	140,017	185,112
Cheese.. .. .	"	7,297	12,183	49,544	38,486
Processed milk—					
Condensed	"	11,844	11,803	44,552	55,943
Dried including Malted	"	11,581	14,107	60,737	71,442
Infants' and invalids' foods	"	1,954	2,870	7,957	9,965
Eggs—					
In shell	'000 doz.	1,471	849	20,266	16,071
Not in shell	'000 lb.	876	2,716	22,468	21,243
Meats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams	"	217	201	1,675	1,003
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal	"	58,691	70,501	276,398	322,748
Lamb	"	4,714	5,074	94,982	81,626
Mutton	"	7,494	6,399	33,811	34,657
Offals	"	5,832	7,228	30,421	30,861
Pork	"	583	609	6,515	2,472
Poultry	"	(a)	141	(b)	1,486
Rabbits and hares—					
Furred (carcasses)	'000 prs.	(c) {	36	(d) {	105
Skinned (carcasses and pieces)	'000 lb.		6,589		17,985
Preserved in airtight containers	"	31,045	35,538	141,115	130,633
Sausage casings, natural (e)(f) {	cwt.	555,921	6,930	1,913,973	2,225,145
	bundles		604,672		
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruits—					
Dried—					
Currants	'000 lb.	6,933	12,477	18,755	21,416
Raisins	"	45,974	41,581	134,252	115,884
Tree fruits	"	1,041	1,418	6,566	3,681
Fresh—					
Apples	'000 bus.	3,629	4,287	4,265	5,023
Citrus	"	73	89	525	585
Other	"	1,049	788	1,440	1,080
Preserved in airtight containers	'000 lb.	95,151	95,360	215,843	209,210
Pulped	"	1,305	1,919	5,130	3,741
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch	"	20	86	239	356
Flour, (wheaten) plain white	"	362,318	354,950	1,311,365	1,333,748
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	6,297	5,925	18,391	27,564
Rice	cwt.	109,588	184,930	607,932	858,226
Unprepared—					
Barley	ton	86,205	257,945	421,174	470,210
Oats	"	20,314	61,181	51,288	171,577
Wheat	"	404,924	805,424	1,691,064	2,007,896
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	1,165	1,548	6,853	4,429
Sugar (cane)	ton	109,723	143,703	737,184	592,229
Vegetables—preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	892	598	3,952	1,897

(a) 59,025 pairs.

(b) 263,139 pairs.

(c) 1,486,065 pairs.

(d) 4,977,216 pairs.

(e) Recorded in bundles since 1st October, 1954.

(f) Natural and synthetic combined for 1954-55.

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—*continued*.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	June Quarter.		Year ended June.	
		1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	388	324	1,264	1,204
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse	'000 lb.	9,719	16,136	36,020	48,185
Kangaroo and wallaby	„	141	92	766	796
Rabbit and hare	„	776	477	4,586	3,327
Sheep and lamb	„	22,195	26,433	100,276	105,566
Wool—					
Greasy	„	248,480	318,859	959,040	1,063,129
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	„	27,005	34,212	101,555	114,962
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	5,096	11,340	20,776	47,884
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Coal	ton	47,543	54,626	291,226	193,813
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	„	10,568	35,288	59,063	72,006
Zinc	„	20,446	71,921	200,670	271,449
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	31,645	42,611	140,256	145,145
Bullion	„	7,187	10,651	40,818	30,811
Zinc, bars, blocks, &c.	„	7,058	11,719	37,021	37,313

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Fruits.		
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)	Dried.		Pre-served in air-tight containers.
							Vine.	Tree.	

QUANTITY.
(‘000 lb.)

1938-39	..	229,543	35,924	1,739	271,964	186,489	30,716	164,213	3,915	81,279
1952-53	..	110,428	53,006	3,393	192,297	166,844	3,453	155,172	6,709	143,261
1953-54	..	88,030	50,959	2,777	316,955	99,691	2,758	139,822	6,481	199,219
1954-55	..	140,017	49,543	1,675	276,398	128,793	6,515	153,000	6,437	215,795
1955-56	..	185,103	38,485	1,003	322,748	116,283	2,472	137,300	3,665	209,123

VALUE.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

1938-39	..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	2,747	118	1,267
1952-53	..	20,075	5,851	720	13,765	8,761	472	7,448	581	9,298
1953-54	..	16,052	5,329	619	22,044	5,261	462	6,600	793	14,184
1954-55	..	24,589	5,057	355	21,899	11,817	781	7,637	799	15,245
1955-56	..	28,966	3,537	229	23,431	9,752	364	7,375	427	15,469

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Year.	Wheat.	Flour, (Wheat) Plain White.	Barley (Unpre- pared).	Sugar (Cane).	Wool.		Sheep and Lamb- skins.	Lead (Pig).
					Greasy.	Scoured. (a)		

QUANTITY.

	tons.	'000 lb.	tons.	tons.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	tons.
1938-39	..	1,690,956	1,450,130	58,441	443,014	793,384	70,881	84,359
1952-53	..	1,593,963	1,739,240	496,403	459,354	981,493	107,533	110,172
1953-54	..	965,338	1,522,536	601,536	706,796	990,009	96,418	94,522
1954-55	..	1,691,063	1,311,238	421,174	737,149	959,033	101,553	100,229
1955-56	..	2,007,896	1,333,587	470,210	592,229	1,063,111	114,914	105,566

VALUE.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

1938-39	..	8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1952-53	..	51,970	37,417	19,245	21,654	356,223	46,681	17,332	17,168
1953-54	..	30,957	29,682	14,370	31,592	364,977	45,443	16,439	18,550
1954-55	..	45,222	20,305	10,357	31,146	310,902	42,204	15,935	17,182
1955-56	..	46,456	19,703	10,471	24,723	293,722	43,785	15,691	19,520

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
United Kingdom ..	122,047	20,767	162,220	24,464	40,539	3,666	30,531	2,231
Australian Territories ..	506	103	533	120	109	18	96	15
Ceylon ..	1,936	377	2,044	382	334	52	327	58
Guiana (British) ..	426	87	477	100	17	3	14	2
Hong Kong ..	1,548	307	1,588	301	435	56	386	53
India ..	486	109	568	124	847	144	597	109
Malaya, Fed. of ..	1,189	273	932	213	130	20	116	19
Malta ..	631	117	593	113	70	8	148	16
Mauritius ..	575	140	297	69	166	28	87	16
Singapore ..	3,041	614	3,142	602	687	103	946	135
West Africa (British) ..	297	69	257	59	202	34	153	29
West Indies ..	918	192	706	150	215	34	131	21
Other British Countries ..	1,095	248	966	222	527	94	355	63
Arabian States ..	636	149	517	119	950	171	993	196
Burma ..	313	78	203	49	54	11	35	6
Egypt ..	943	185	464	88	717	77	196	24
France ..	26	5	1,206	181	..	..	..	..
French Possessions—								
New Caledonia ..	386	78	375	78	131	23	113	21
Italy ..	72	14	2,348	430	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	520	108	259	55	978	125	534	78
Lebanon ..	73	14	65	12	32	5	149	24
Netherlands Antilles ..	312	74	323	80	6	1	3	1
Philippines ..	643	155	650	162	1,496	240	1,231	210
Other Foreign Countries	1,398	326	4,320	793	901	144	1,344	210
New South Wales ..	2,558	478	2,724	483	301	47	147	26
Victoria ..	80,297	13,642	107,536	16,869	31,579	3,361	17,992	1,955
Queensland ..	47,797	8,848	61,681	9,574	5,283	540	6,692	566
South Australia ..	2,229	379	2,232	326	12,379	1,109	13,642	988
Western Australia ..	117	21	271	43	1	..	12	2
Tasmania ..	7,019	1,221	10,659	1,671	..	..	..	..
Total ..	140,017	24,589	185,103	28,966	49,543	5,057	38,485	3,537
	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	..	..	..	..	219,832	16,708	251,656	17,248
Hermuda ..	..	..	..	..	1,496	237	987	158
Ceylon ..	98	20	71	15	263	24	313	34
Hong Kong ..	106	23	54	14	4,578	371	4,002	290
Malta ..	15	3	1	..	2,233	194	2,929	261
Singapore ..	836	162	491	105	9,101	799	9,981	862
West Indies (British) ..	67	18	70	15	1,349	143	1,453	150
Other British Countries ..	241	59	233	59	5,488	567	5,019	521
Arabian States—								
Saudi Arabia ..	12	3	..	..	1,243	259	1,230	242
Other ..	61	14	53	13	653	108	787	119
Belgium ..	..	..	..	..	3,079	255	9,596	699
Egypt ..	172	37	14	3	8,044	637	2,672	203
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	..	..	..	..	3,729	303	5,278	421
Philippines ..	..	..	6	2	5,335	459	8,063	636
United States of America ..	..	..	..	..	671	64	1,859	185
Other Foreign Countries	67	16	10	3	9,304	771	16,923	1,402
New South Wales ..	368	83	182	47	21,993	2,085	32,366	2,939
Victoria ..	41	9	35	7	10,865	972	4,744	523
Queensland ..	672	152	466	108	228,078	17,786	266,099	18,627
South Australia ..	78	16	20	5	177	13	2,776	173
Western Australia ..	516	95	300	62	14,925	1,016	16,733	1,167
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	360	27	30	2
Total ..	1,675	355	1,003	229	276,398	21,899	322,748	23,431

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries--continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1955.				1956.			
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	106,950	10,224	97,306	8,310	4,234	446	1,007	128
Australian Territories ..	659	76	635	71	223	38	228	41
Canada ..	3,096	261	3,462	337	131	19	74	11
Ceylon ..	396	28	436	37	1	..	2	1
Hong Kong ..	712	70	1,105	83	164	20	43	6
Singapore ..	3,308	249	3,172	217	730	94	618	92
Other British Countries	3,346	247	3,225	258	300	48	203	34
Arabian States ..	1,137	131	850	84	218	46	98	18
Belgium ..	1,023	42	1,268	53	55	5	..	..
Egypt ..	1,341	81	2,765	146	236	34	97	16
United States of America	1,360	139	1,118	94	1	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	5,465	269	941	62	222	31	102	17
New South Wales ..	10,478	789	8,631	657	575	81	283	47
Victoria ..	80,634	7,345	71,884	6,049	855	113	433	66
Queensland ..	89	7	188	18	3,340	394	795	117
South Australia ..	28,800	2,840	19,670	1,807	2	..	3	..
Western Australia ..	6,833	641	14,281	1,053	1,693	185	889	122
Tasmania ..	1,959	195	1,629	168	50	8	69	12
Total ..	128,793	11,817	116,253	9,752	6,515	781	2,472	364
	DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.				DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanias and Lexias).			
United Kingdom ..	11,501	541	13,081	718	89,529	4,588	69,614	3,927
Canada ..	4,366	220	4,768	242	32,058	1,377	29,265	1,356
Ceylon ..	157	8	155	9	1,136	62	1,138	62
New Zealand ..	1,780	94	1,841	101	10,127	597	11,267	659
Singapore ..	87	7	75	5	153	14	74	6
Other British Countries	507	29	955	52	919	58	1,505	74
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,076	124
Other Foreign Countries	350	18	541	24	330	24	345	16
New South Wales ..	3	..	..	..	39	6	..	..
Victoria ..	6,756	359	8,460	484	106,394	5,374	93,760	5,070
Queensland ..	1	..	..	..	6	1	6	1
South Australia ..	9,233	432	8,933	459	27,796	1,337	22,118	1,153
Western Australia ..	2,754	126	4,023	208	17	2	..	..
Tasmania ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	18,748	917	21,416	1,151	134,252	6,720	115,884	6,224

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.			
United Kingdom ..	1,883	211	1,395	117	190,084	13,358	190,180	14,100
Canada ..	294	48	481	77	5,406	393	3,789	274
New Zealand ..	1,676	231	1,045	157	12,506	929	10,411	745
Singapore ..	220	36	59	8	610	37	642	44
Other British Countries	419	51	235	21	3,400	257	2,393	181
Egypt ..	43	5	25	3	818	58	197	14
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	843	113	294	31	129	10	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	1,059	104	131	13	2,842	203	1,511	111
New South Wales ..	1,540	152	829	64	23,418	1,632	27,880	2,005
Victoria ..	244	32	198	21	141,213	9,800	111,971	8,678
Queensland ..	7	1	1	..	39,744	3,005	44,238	3,123
South Australia ..	3,707	487	2,037	279	10,273	728	20,419	1,375
Western Australia ..	5	1	..	..	5	1	13	1
Tasmania ..	934	126	600	63	1,142	79	4,602	287
Total ..	6,437	799	3,665	427	215,795	15,245	209,123	15,469
	Tons.	£A.000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WHEAT.				FLOUR (WHEATEN)—PLAIN-WHITE.			
United Kingdom ..	512,524	13,718	539,100	12,574	161,664	2,261	134,159	1,767
Aden ..	313	9	888	24	47,461	673	36,764	493
Australian Territories ..	180	6	139	5	12,039	195	11,344	179
Borneo (British) ..	50	1	..	..	16,198	271	18,449	284
Ceylon ..	9,711	313	102	3	224,932	3,363	231,473	3,158
Cyprus ..	18,397	503	44,431	1,149	38	1	22	1
East Africa (British) ..	147	4	9,893	242	12,816	184	10,759	152
Hong Kong ..	17,024	477	25,106	636	15,472	239	13,648	200
India ..	466,508	12,316	140,794	3,189	91	2	178	2
Ireland, Republic of ..	52,545	1,387	11,521	295	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	14,324	366	16,482	458	174,410	2,941	162,968	2,564
Mauritius ..	37	1	30	1	40,203	593	25,307	352
New Zealand ..	213,726	5,710	243,091	6,107	74	1	229	4
Pacific Islands—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji ..	54	2	45	1	21,508	350	22,068	337
Other ..	47	2	24	1	8,199	137	9,274	145
Pakistan ..	..	..	2	..	250	3	713	9
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	54,695	1,528	47,012	1,234	3,656	55	3,383	47
Singapore ..	5,254	155	6,212	178	155,288	2,510	108,415	1,690
Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian	..	..	..	..	41,160	607	28,830	400
Other British Countries	7,700	211	5,273	120	11,044	174	14,159	202
Arabian States ..	3,337	94	5,268	158	16,328	227	34,826	452
Burma ..	2,360	70	3,744	102	55,937	915	25,506	394
Egypt ..	70	2	..	..	19,660	297	5,379	76
French Dependencies ..	657	19	480	14	21,215	346	17,154	233
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	136,190	3,668	324,554	4,921	..	..	..	..
Indonesia ..	25	1	5	..	191,019	2,978	355,448	5,504
Italy ..	..	..	..	..	1,154	18	1,357	22
Japan ..	54,624	1,421	301,638	7,834	2,093	36	2,188	50
Netherlands ..	48,001	1,281	931	24	..	..	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
India ..	713	22	1,123	32	1,557	24	1,524	23
Mozambique ..	10,516	292	25,963	686	264	5	656	10
Other ..	..	..	..	..	1,589	25	674	11
Thailand ..	206	7	114	4	27,422	474	31,638	511
Other Foreign Countries	61,128	1,636	253,931	6,464	26,497	400	25,095	381
New South Wales ..	194,443	5,288	316,659	7,456	458,253	7,183	426,174	6,389
Victoria ..	564,253	15,201	412,091	9,907	441,726	6,873	448,123	6,574
Queensland ..	40,386	1,097	138,491	3,616	34,952	540	56,365	815
South Australia ..	374,293	9,904	425,807	11,052	137,068	2,124	145,343	2,063
Western Australia ..	517,688	13,732	714,848	14,425	239,239	3,585	257,582	3,862
Total ..	1,601,063	45,222	2,007,896	46,456	1,311,238	20,305	1,333,587	19,703

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	Barley (Unprepared).				Sugar (Cane).			
United Kingdom ..	91,349	2,322	71,897	1,441	435,017	18,962	327,127	13,909
Australian Territories—								
New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	1,471	79	1,551	94
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	89,797	3,408	96,156	3,491
Ceylon ..	27	1	31	1	9,519	323	..	..
Hong Kong ..	1,311	31	718	14	39,960	1,478	31,902	1,187
Ireland, Rep. of ..	13,472	299	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	9	..	23	1	8,550	315	..	..
New Zealand ..	..	..	3,961	114	58,363	2,590	73,934	3,494
Singapore ..	13	1	3	..	7,500	282	3,000	105
Other British Countries	2	..	..	..	3,709	217	4,042	242
Belgium ..	77,149	1,731	40,592	808	..	..	..	..
French Possessions—New								
Caledonia ..	..	..	..	..	1,713	99	2,013	122
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	47,998	1,024	49,254	1,049	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	2,895	90	9,392	243	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	121,699	3,423	223,572	5,379	80,920	3,349	52,178	2,051
Netherlands ..	63,299	1,882	61,640	1,221	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	1,951	52	9,127	200	630	44	326	28
New South Wales ..	1,671	50	24	1	5,924	346	6,500	399
Victoria ..	41,417	1,163	59,802	1,353	403	23	367	22
Queensland ..	23,600	605	49,973	1,120	730,791	30,775	585,314	24,299
South Australia ..	328,885	7,897	310,540	7,035	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	25,596	642	49,871	962	31	2	48	3
Tasmania ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	421,174	10,357	470,210	10,471	737,149	31,146	592,229	24,723

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPE, CARBONIZED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
United Kingdom ..	296,906	96,084	273,570	73,598	30,257	11,830	27,282	9,490
Canada ..	1,769	571	2,824	817	4,183	1,763	5,457	2,020
Hong Kong ..	28	13	234	72	466	315	1,015	553
India ..	993	323	823	249	1,409	790	3,794	1,852
Ireland, Republic of ..	4,313	1,510	3,916	1,166	113	49	120	44
New Zealand ..	426	171	306	100	478	290	382	218
South Africa, Union of ..	2,305	598	1,150	279	515	211	494	197
Other British Countries	139	51	61	21	381	185	1,029	463
Austria ..	2,502	902	2,766	879	11	4	17	6
Belgium ..	90,030	23,545	93,655	20,038	5,581	2,075	4,146	1,354
China ..	4	4	78	29	4,492	2,658	5,149	2,611
Czechoslovakia ..	13,670	5,053	15,458	4,733	..	..	34	12
Denmark ..	..	..	50	14	1,108	451	1,069	395
Egypt ..	..	..	2,116	688	134	98	229	133
France ..	159,508	47,863	199,447	51,320	6,279	2,611	5,729	2,068
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	64,580	20,453	74,917	20,396	6,264	2,473	8,942	3,203
Greece ..	88	39	129	42	1,102	495	980	402
Italy ..	89,370	30,235	93,158	26,797	6,066	2,144	7,213	2,462
Japan ..	124,718	44,594	189,488	58,839	3,014	1,482	13,415	5,871
Mexico ..	10,147	3,817	11,092	3,618	688	329	697	277
Netherlands ..	2,816	968	4,340	1,118	1,330	511	1,221	398
Norway ..	..	..	7	2	82	41	40	16
Poland ..	16,137	6,181	21,671	7,113	83	35	..	..
Portugal ..	2,397	902	2,333	828	315	149	387	152
Spain ..	2,035	711	3,709	1,139	278	133	98	38
Sweden ..	2,492	802	2,289	590	1,123	471	1,207	428
Switzerland ..	6,218	1,909	8,796	2,230	300	138	603	230
Turkey ..	2,775	1,072	1,375	439	173	99	18	11
U.S.S.R. ..	425	153	..	..	..	..	..	..
United States of America	58,670	21,101	47,229	14,560	21,938	8,700	20,230	7,067
Yugoslavia ..	879	322	3,800	1,250	30	14	4	2
Other Foreign Countries	2,693	955	2,324	708	3,359	1,660	3,913	1,802
Total ..	959,033	310,902	1,063,111	293,722	101,552	42,204	114,914	43,785
New South Wales ..	342,732	110,051	385,175	107,972	29,541	11,620	32,389	11,416
Victoria ..	251,970	84,101	278,130	78,165	32,748	12,723	33,775	12,171
Queensland ..	155,245	52,106	153,244	44,403	11,722	5,093	11,503	4,487
South Australia ..	99,637	30,232	121,912	30,506	8,373	3,435	9,488	3,572
Western Australia	93,567	28,834	108,541	27,800	13,240	5,615	16,630	6,155
Tasmania ..	15,882	5,578	16,109	4,876	18	5	22	8
Total ..	959,033	310,902	1,063,111	293,722	(a)95,642	(a)38,436	a 103,807	(a)37,809

(a) Excludes exports of wool tops. State details not available for publication.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Year ended June.							
	1955.		1956.		1955.		1956.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS.				LEAD (Pig).			
United Kingdom ..	14,077	2,131	13,338	1,906	77,398	9,495	83,932	11,196
New Zealand ..	..	..	123	11	4,678	607	3,871	520
South Africa, Union of ..	..	..	..	..	1,648	209	300	38
Other British Countries	246	32	170	17	54	7	1,851	276
Belgium ..	2,111	372	758	124	..	..	25	3
France ..	76,366	12,474	81,118	12,337	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	2,224	441	2,135	333	73	8	16	2
Netherlands ..	1,447	136	1,370	174	..	..	53	7
United States of America	2,475	177	3,596	337	55,582	6,751	50,879	6,792
Other Foreign Countries	1,283	172	2,958	452	823	105	4,060	686
New South Wales ..	27,952	4,584	29,600	4,426	1,432	188	709	96
Victoria ..	43,443	6,702	44,852	6,670	444	53	1,135	148
Queensland ..	2,660	405	3,544	489	90	11	610	79
South Australia ..	15,194	2,396	14,822	159	137,174	16,792	142,174	19,153
Western Australia ..	7,373	1,198	9,143	1,348	101	12	339	42
Tasmania ..	3,598	650	3,605	599	1,015	126	20	2
Total ..	100,229	15,935	105,566	15,691	140,256	17,182	144,987	19,520

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.^(a)*(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952-53 Retail Census.)*

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards).

The tables contain particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1950-51 to 1955-56 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other years shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Particulars.	1950-51. (b)	1951-52. (b)	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (b)(d)	1954-55. (b)(d)	1955-56. (b)(d)
STATES.						
New South Wales	693.9	801.0	824.7	907.7	1,010.4	1,098.9
Victoria	492.4	571.7	584.4	637.8	710.4	784.3
Queensland	233.9	270.6	287.8	319.7	360.2	385.6
South Australia	153.3	185.4	189.0	207.8	232.8	251.1
Western Australia	125.9	155.2	164.6	183.8	197.6	207.5
Tasmania	53.4	65.0	68.9	76.1	82.5	88.1
Total	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9	2,593.9	2,815.5

COMMODITY GROUPS.

Groceries	186.1	232.9	261.5	275.1	305.9	334.7
Butchers' Meat	92.3	118.7	127.8	133.9	146.7	159.0
Other Food(e)	155.5	187.8	206.8	223.7	245.8	270.0
Total Foodstuffs	433.9	539.4	596.1	632.7	698.4	763.7
Beer, Wine and Spirits	123.2	153.9	173.0	186.7	202.1	217.6
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear	328.5	351.6	355.1	387.4	421.5	438.9
Hardware, China and Glass-ware(f)	91.2	109.6	113.8	124.7	142.5	153.3
Electrical Goods and Radios	64.7	77.5	75.8	91.2	99.6	104.9
Furniture and Floor Coverings	76.9	76.1	72.8	81.0	86.5	91.3
Other Goods(g)	252.4	307.5	315.5	336.9	364.6	391.8
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.6	2,015.2	2,161.5
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.(h)	382.0	433.3	417.3	492.3	578.7	654.0
Total	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9	2,593.9	2,815.5

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Survey figures
(c) Census figures. (d) Subject to revision. (e) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (f) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, &c.).
(g) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, &c. (h) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, &c.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance companies are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each quarter, but, from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter.(a)

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)

(£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1954—30th June ..	50,596	30,819	22,361	13,116	10,300	4,772	131,964
30th September ..	54,074	34,248	24,041	14,768	11,545	5,274	143,950
31st December ..	60,852	38,860	26,196	16,546	12,693	5,918	161,065
1955—31st March ..	64,799	41,824	27,106	17,219	13,370	6,434	170,752
30th June ..	68,626	44,555	28,679	18,136	14,319	7,012	181,327
30th September ..	74,559	48,236	30,587	19,512	15,280	7,460	195,634
31st December ..	78,782	53,115	32,041	21,081	16,302	7,951	209,272
1956—31st March ..	77,719	54,948	31,502	20,975	16,057	8,033	209,234
30th June ..	77,666	55,645	31,348	20,933	15,600	8,165	209,357

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously.
Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Includes

Agreements Made during Quarter ended 30th June, 1956 : States.

Particulars of Agreement.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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MOTOR VEHICLES.

Number of Agreements ..	24,557	18,730	11,697	8,422	4,528	3,487	71,421
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	17,971	14,469	7,773	5,747	2,836	2,397	51,193
Amount Financed(d) £'000	10,644	8,649	4,378	3,257	1,834	1,392	30,154

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Number of Agreements ..	1,869	1,167	861	375	380	98	4,750
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	1,063	794	429	240	408	64	2,998
Amount Financed(d) £'000	680	483	267	155	246	40	1,871

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Number of Agreements ..	58,147	33,942	29,486	12,828	13,118	5,483	153,004
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	4,255	2,531	1,601	988	841	406	10,622
Amount Financed(d) £'000	3,438	2,044	1,254	800	700	321	8,557

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Number of Agreements ..	84,573	53,839	42,044	21,625	18,026	9,068	229,175
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000	23,289	17,794	9,803	6,975	4,085	2,867	64,813
Amount Financed(d) £'000	14,762	11,176	5,899	4,212	2,780	1,753	40,582

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Value at net

cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales : Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies—continued.

Agreements Made during each Quarter : Australia.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed. (b)
		Total.	Average per Agreement.	Total.	Average per Agreement.	
		£'000	£	£'000.	£	%

MOTOR VEHICLES.

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	68,790	47,465	690	27,442	399	58
Quarterly Total—						
1955—March Quarter ..	64,725	44,610	689	25,764	398	58
June	73,476	52,239	711	30,160	410	58
Sept.	80,738	56,207	696	33,221	411	59
Dec.	78,266	55,103	704	32,813	419	60
1956—March	69,081	47,006	680	27,565	399	59
June	71,421	51,193	717	30,154	422	59

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	3,691	2,326	630	1,418	384	61
Quarterly Total—						
1955—March Quarter ..	3,848	2,690	699	1,635	425	61
June	3,579	2,311	646	1,383	386	60
Sept.	4,290	2,754	642	1,677	391	61
Dec.	5,174	3,654	706	2,274	440	62
1956—March	4,772	3,021	633	1,864	391	62
June	4,750	2,998	631	1,871	394	62

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	158,480	12,111	76	9,806	62	81
Quarterly Total—						
1955—March Quarter ..	155,327	12,627	81	10,266	66	81
June	153,696	11,183	73	9,052	59	81
Sept.	159,634	11,885	74	9,697	61	82
Dec.	184,640	14,826	80	12,096	66	82
1956—March	168,276	13,310	79	10,732	64	81
June	153,004	10,622	69	8,557	56	81

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	230,961	61,902	268	38,666	167	62
Quarterly Total—						
1955—March Quarter ..	223,900	59,927	268	37,665	168	63
June	230,751	65,733	285	40,595	176	62
Sept.	244,662	70,846	290	44,595	182	63
Dec.	268,080	73,583	274	47,183	176	64
1956—March	242,129	63,337	262	40,161	166	63
June	229,175	64,813	283	40,582	177	63

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Section VI.—Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Inter- minable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Lia- bilities.	Total Lia- bilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)								
1952-53	..	96,664	22,817	119,481	..	3,820	8,569	131,870
1953-54	..	120,885	35,352	156,237	..	2,034	11,766	170,037
1954-55	..	130,909	43,549	174,458	..	309	16,148	190,915
1955-56	..	135,617	46,243	181,860	..	314	17,496	199,670
Quarter ended—								
June, 1955	..	135,659	45,784	181,443	..	305	16,773	198,521
September, "	..	131,453	48,509	179,962	..	271	16,314	196,547
December, "	..	138,770	48,132	186,902	..	313	18,208	205,423
March, 1956	..	133,696	46,607	180,303	..	345	17,757	198,405
June, "	..	138,790	41,870	180,660	..	326	17,759	198,745
Month of—								
April, 1956	..	141,934	40,858	182,792	..	319	17,923	201,034
May, "	..	138,145	42,041	180,186	..	323	17,571	198,085
June, "	..	136,453	42,667	179,120	..	332	17,829	197,281

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1952-53	226	943,747	218,699	1,162,446	158	10,628	14,247	1,187,705
1953-54	14	1,035,707	239,774	1,275,481	158	3,360	14,980	1,293,993
1954-55	9	1,047,677	262,986	1,310,663	158	3,282	16,432	1,330,544
1955-56	6	1,032,332	263,107	1,295,439	158	6,528	16,913	1,319,044
Quarter ended—								
June, 1955	7	1,059,259	266,260	1,325,519	158	3,938	16,845	1,346,467
September, " ..	6	1,002,952	264,357	1,267,309	158	3,260	14,994	1,285,727
December, " ..	6	1,034,066	261,915	1,295,981	158	3,439	17,769	1,317,353
March, 1956	6	1,072,497	260,117	1,332,614	158	2,127	16,226	1,351,131
June, "	6	1,019,944	265,949	1,285,893	158	17,050	18,729	1,321,836
Month of—								
April, 1956	6	1,058,758	262,789	1,321,547	158	7,192	20,420	1,349,323
May, "	6	1,011,888	265,889	1,277,777	158	20,682	18,151	1,316,774
June, "	6	991,199	269,184	1,260,383	158	22,369	17,759	1,300,675

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	19,286	35,848	15,302	51,150	..	622	525	71,583
1953-54	19,734	39,408	15,309	54,717	..	664	454	75,569
1954-55	20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484	..	554	461	79,019
1955-56	20,569	39,726	16,359	56,085	..	1,536	484	78,674
Quarter ended—								
June, 1955	20,679	40,759	16,113	56,872	..	602	443	78,686
September, " ..	20,787	36,963	16,488	53,451	..	1,304	529	76,071
December, " ..	20,673	36,949	16,423	53,372	..	1,566	507	76,118
March, 1956	20,447	42,924	16,282	59,206	..	1,306	386	81,435
June, "	20,377	41,856	16,247	58,103	..	1,879	518	80,877
Month of—								
April, 1956	20,443	43,477	16,106	59,583	..	2,327	637	83,040
May, "	20,440	41,959	16,134	58,093	..	1,747	478	80,768
June, "	20,231	40,108	16,530	56,638	..	1,595	400	78,864

ALL-CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	19,512	1,076,259	256,818	1,333,077	158	15,070	23,341	1,391,158
1953-54	19,748	1,196,000	290,435	1,486,435	158	6,058	27,200	1,539,599
1954-55	20,529	1,220,001	322,604	1,542,605	158	4,145	33,041	1,600,478
1955-56	20,575	1,207,675	325,709	1,533,384	158	8,378	34,893	1,597,388
Quarter ended—								
June, 1955	20,686	1,235,677	328,157	1,563,834	158	4,935	34,061	1,623,674
September, " ..	20,793	1,171,368	329,354	1,500,722	158	4,835	31,837	1,558,345
December, " ..	20,679	1,209,785	326,470	1,536,255	158	5,318	36,484	1,598,894
March, 1956	20,453	1,249,117	323,006	1,572,123	158	3,868	34,369	1,630,971
June, "	20,575	1,207,675	325,709	1,533,384	158	8,378	34,893	1,597,388
Month of—								
April, 1956	20,449	1,244,169	319,753	1,563,922	158	9,838	39,030	1,633,397
May, "	20,446	1,191,992	324,064	1,516,056	158	22,757	36,200	1,595,617
June, "	20,237	1,167,760	328,381	1,496,141	158	24,296	35,988	1,576,820

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on weekly balance days in periods.

(b) Includes

short term loans from Central Bank.

(c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior

to 3rd December, 1953.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
Average Assets within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(b)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
1952-53	8,784	21,731	1,600	17,239	25,840	92	59,492	3,984	138,762
1953-54	11,000	34,800	787	23,404	29,924	1,284	69,204	4,360	174,763
1954-55	10,456	36,061	870	12,260	38,165	1,606	89,138	5,675	194,231
1955-56	10,213	33,155	1,238	6,333	38,599	1,824	103,894	6,815	202,071
Quarter ended—									
June, 1955 ..	10,463	34,527	951	11,600	39,642	1,643	96,922	6,245	201,993
September, ..	10,000	32,835	791	5,000	39,711	1,676	104,886	6,299	201,198
December, ..	10,519	32,650	1,377	9,209	40,017	1,667	104,932	6,939	207,310
March, 1956 ..	10,150	33,942	1,225	4,808	39,058	1,707	104,457	6,847	201,694
June,	10,212	33,158	1,569	7,038	35,720	2,230	101,380	7,182	198,489
Month of—									
April, 1956 ..	10,715	34,750	1,949	7,625	35,720	1,721	101,275	7,140	200,895
May,	9,799	32,890	1,375	8,200	35,720	2,294	101,039	7,361	198,678
June,	10,223	31,900	1,432	5,000	35,720	2,659	101,911	7,001	195,846

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1952-53	74,712	211,737	22,580	123,059	86,613	2,313	638,092	29,693	1,188,699
1953-54	71,244	285,226	17,346	99,368	130,306	3,588	658,534	36,549	1,802,161
1954-55	66,908	269,117	18,436	51,602	121,927	3,425	776,762	48,925	1,357,102
1955-56	66,883	238,803	19,672	50,015	113,977	5,821	804,392	56,060	1,355,623
Quarter ended—									
June, 1955 ..	61,734	254,296	19,377	45,923	126,805	3,280	808,986	53,401	1,373,802
September, ..	67,191	234,026	17,418	21,481	110,172	4,997	824,178	54,580	1,334,043
December, ..	66,336	231,903	21,436	33,708	109,193	6,459	823,776	57,337	1,350,148
March, 1956 ..	69,451	247,726	18,812	99,673	116,580	6,023	777,702	55,066	1,391,033
June, ..	64,508	241,026	21,158	43,943	119,593	5,855	793,403	57,360	1,346,846
Month of—									
April, 1956 ..	60,472	257,303	23,605	62,125	119,037	5,986	786,755	57,032	1,372,315
May, ..	66,820	238,703	20,096	41,450	118,976	5,788	798,361	57,195	1,347,389
June, ..	65,657	227,653	20,040	28,875	120,919	5,808	793,852	57,894	1,320,698

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	4,640	1,153	2,176	3,911	13,874	149	64,731	3,792	94,426
1953-54	5,091	1,090	2,409	7,326	13,977	432	65,982	3,815	100,122
1954-55	4,586	1,108	2,198	5,641	13,972	701	72,189	4,923	105,318
1955-56	3,992	883	1,588	4,119	14,388	245	75,825	5,332	106,372
Quarter ended—									
June, 1955 ..	4,242	1,091	1,670	4,961	13,511	523	74,415	5,137	105,550
September, ..	3,891	926	1,638	3,196	13,733	382	74,580	4,786	103,132
December, ..	3,826	891	1,672	3,300	14,086	199	76,075	4,778	104,827
March, 1956 ..	4,368	867	1,530	5,002	14,840	190	75,949	6,008	108,754
June, ..	3,869	846	1,519	4,915	14,870	207	76,717	5,712	108,655
Month of—									
April, 1956 ..	3,818	846	1,600	6,325	14,858	181	76,672	5,903	110,203
May, ..	4,028	846	1,457	4,880	14,867	250	76,832	5,794	108,954
June, ..	3,721	846	1,515	3,550	14,855	180	76,618	5,419	106,734

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1952-53	88,136	234,621	26,356	144,209	126,227	2,554	762,315	37,469	1,421,887
1953-54	87,335	321,116	20,542	130,098	174,207	5,304	793,720	44,724	1,577,046
1954-55	81,950	306,286	21,504	69,503	174,064	5,732	938,089	59,523	1,656,651
1955-56	81,088	272,841	22,498	60,467	166,964	7,890	984,111	68,207	1,664,066
Quarter ended—									
June, 1955 ..	76,439	289,914	21,998	62,484	179,958	5,446	980,323	64,783	1,681,345
September, ..	81,082	267,787	19,847	29,677	163,616	7,055	1,003,644	65,665	1,638,373
December, ..	80,681	265,444	24,485	46,217	163,296	8,325	1,004,783	69,054	1,662,285
March, 1956 ..	83,969	282,535	21,567	108,983	170,478	7,920	958,108	67,921	1,701,481
June, ..	78,589	275,030	24,246	55,896	170,183	8,292	971,500	70,254	1,653,990
Month of—									
April, 1956 ..	75,005	292,899	27,154	76,075	169,615	7,888	964,702	70,075	1,683,413
May, ..	80,647	272,439	22,923	54,530	169,563	8,332	976,232	70,350	1,655,021
June, ..	79,601	260,399	22,987	37,425	171,524	8,647	972,381	70,314	1,623,278

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.
(£'000.)

Period.	Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.
	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.		
			Hire Purchase.	Other.			
1952-53	44,863	4,267	14,847	8,145	72,122	469	946
1953-54	43,183	4,528	16,631	4,749	69,091	628	1,745
1954-55	62,316	4,837	17,015	6,717	90,885	747	2,146
1955-56	73,751	5,068	16,570	9,031	104,420	597	3,022
Quarter ended—							
June, 1955 ..	72,732	4,996	16,777	7,996	102,501	531	2,518
September, „ ..	52,354	5,068	16,905	8,603	82,930	527	2,462
December, „ ..	49,388	5,085	17,149	9,105	80,727	446	2,825
March, 1956 ..	93,291	5,066	16,497	9,101	123,955	662	3,044
June, „ ..	98,098	5,055	15,773	9,320	128,246	742	3,742
Month of—							
April, 1956 ..	109,543	5,084	15,852	9,179	139,658	750	3,742
May, „ ..	98,113	5,094	15,790	9,318	128,315	750	3,742
June „ ..	86,636	4,977	15,672	9,463	116,748	724	3,742

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(Averages of weekly figures.)

(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Li- abilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Govern- ment and Other Securi- ties (includ- ing Treas- ury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
1952-53	36,860	281,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	363,576	434,771
1953-54	38,539	299,684	338,223	306,820	41,731	283,397	512,615	407,979
1954-55	40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,839
1955-56	42,965	331,131	374,096	372,841	35,630	208,717	298,885	515,716
Quarter ended—								
June, 1955	41,418	322,524	363,942	289,914	31,161	233,754	377,151	460,643
September, „ ..	40,150	325,910	366,060	267,787	37,682	213,227	342,025	486,641
December, „ ..	42,872	333,839	376,711	265,444	35,081	208,396	300,922	536,385
March, 1956	43,834	333,092	376,926	282,535	36,457	210,034	288,791	527,164
June „ ..	44,998	331,889	376,887	275,030	33,256	203,185	263,960	514,261
Month of—								
April, 1956	45,959	336,169	382,128	292,899	27,808	200,795	258,394	530,475
May, „ ..	45,134	329,669	374,803	272,440	34,423	204,338	263,441	509,614
June, „ ..	43,868	330,385	374,253	260,399	37,244	204,134	270,173	503,857

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	26th June, 1939.	24th June, 1953.	30th June, 1954.	29th June, 1955.	25th April, 1956.	30th May, 1956.	27th June, 1956.
10s.	4,124	9,812	9,860	10,219	10,658	10,552	10,579
£1	20,776	67,622	68,745	68,116	73,326	75,971	74,863
£5	11,580	159,055	169,496	177,550	181,281	161,671	161,675
£10	5,147	91,674	95,033	106,099	116,135	122,282	124,718
£20	104	6	6	5	4	4	4
£50	1,285	53	50	49	46	46	46
£100	2,306	60	56	54	50	50	50
£1,000	2,208	386	581	735	1,003	927	568
Held by Banks	14,829	35,636	37,635	39,306	46,652	44,112	41,994
„ „ Public	32,701	293,032	306,192	323,521	335,851	327,391	330,509
Total	47,530	328,668	343,827	362,827	382,503	371,503	372,503

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS. (£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)									
June—1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1953 ..	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
1954 ..	339,796	339,781	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955 ..	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
1956 ..	386,676	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	4,666		1,141,119
June, 1955	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
Sept., "	359,521	368,892	126,535	132,890	54,574	36,698	1,562	2,682	1,083,354
Dec., "	364,119	371,892	128,132	132,760	54,372	36,393	1,522	2,679	1,091,869
Mar., 1956	374,400	375,313	129,075	133,091	55,430	36,531	4,375		1,108,215
Apr., "	375,667	375,754	128,865	132,858	55,839	36,697	4,502		1,110,182
May, "	376,737	376,892	128,837	132,266	55,145	36,617	4,564		1,112,058
June, "	386,676	386,176	132,700	135,756	57,934	37,211	4,666		1,141,119

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

June—1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1953 ..	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,363
1954 ..	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955 ..	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
1956 ..	363,833	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,917
June, 1955	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
Sept., "	359,521	106,622	126,535	30,987	54,574	13,973	1,562	2,682	696,456
Dec., "	364,119	108,122	128,132	31,037	54,372	13,870	1,522	2,679	703,853
Mar., 1956	361,279	108,287	125,787	31,168	53,730	13,853	4,209		698,413
Apr., "	359,479	108,132	124,807	31,269	53,483	13,947	4,301		695,418
May, "	356,717	107,761	123,909	31,076	53,026	13,896	4,317		690,702
June, "	363,833	110,215	126,998	31,880	54,295	14,312	4,384		705,917

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of June, 1956, was £23,365,283.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1952-53 ..	151,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	339,316
1953-54 ..	171,709	154,885	51,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	446,480
1954-55 ..	187,471	176,147	53,873	36,287	26,247	10,716	821	491,562
1955-56 ..	200,852	185,369	56,028	39,564	26,918	11,615	1,025	521,371
Quarter ended—								
June, 1955 ..	198,869	182,826	54,955	37,992	26,187	11,849	954	513,632
September, "	193,535	172,984	56,203	36,669	25,062	10,984	926	496,363
December, "	211,406	195,159	58,105	40,625	27,463	11,336	999	545,093
March, 1956 ..	190,013	182,530	52,606	40,150	28,201	11,130	1,109	505,739
June, "	208,454	190,805	57,198	40,811	26,947	13,011	1,065	538,291
Month of—								
April, 1956 ..	201,153	190,166	52,038	38,377	26,984	12,633	1,006	522,357
May, "	217,975	199,184	58,347	43,090	28,149	13,536	1,117	561,398
June, "	203,853	180,971	60,924	40,396	25,407	12,733	1,057	525,341

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 30th JUNE, 1956.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operative.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	4	1.4.56	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Other	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.4.56	4
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	(a) 5	1.4.56	{ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Over 20 years			
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	(b) 6	1.4.56	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	5 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	29.3.56	4 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 5
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans	5	9.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Loans to Co-operative Building and Housing Societies	5	1.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Commonwealth Trading Bank—			
Overdraft—General	(b) 6	1.4.56	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Local Government Authorities	5	1.4.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft	(b) 6	1.4.56	5
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies	6	1-21.5.56	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term	5	10.5.56	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates)	1	1.8.52	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	15.3.56	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
6 months	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.3.56	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 months	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	15.3.56	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
24 months	3	15.3.56	2
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank and Savings Banks not specified elsewhere—			
£1 to £500	{ 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.4.56	{ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ 1 $\frac{3}{4}$
£501 to £1,000			
£1,001 to £1,500(c)			
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £750	{ 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1.4.56	{ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
£751 to £1,500(c)			
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—			
£1- £450(d)	3	1.3.56	2 $\frac{3}{4}$

(a) New loans only. (b) Maximum rate. Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.
(c) No interest is payable on the excess over £1,500 except on deposits in Friendly and other Society accounts. The current rates for these accounts are :—On first £2,000, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ %; and on excess over £2,000, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.
(d) No interest is payable on the excess over £450.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks—						C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maxi- mum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Dis- count Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales Urban and Rural Securities. (c)(d)
	Fixed Deposits.				Overdrafts.				Short- dated 2 Years. (b)	Long- dated 12 Years. (b)	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	C'wealth. Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.					
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(e)	2.00	1.75	(f)3.07	(f)3.84	5.4
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(g)1.50	(h)4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	1.73	4.71	4.96	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	1.13	1.38	1.63	1.88	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	5.07	5.25	2.56	1.00	4.39	4.76	5.7
Month of—											(i)
June 1955	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.23	4.51	5.5
Sept. "	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.23	4.51	5.5
Dec., "	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.19	4.53	5.7
Mar., 1956	(j)2.25	(j)2.50	(j)2.75	(j)3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.68	5.12	5.9
Apr., 1956	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	6.00	6.00	2.75	1.00	4.97	5.18	5.9
May, "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	6.00	6.00	2.75	1.00	5.02	5.19	6.0
June, "	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	6.00	6.00	2.75	1.00	5.13	5.34	6.1

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) This series has been revised and now covers both rural and urban securities. A dissection of mortgage registrations between urban and rural is no longer available. (d) Average of monthly quotations. (e) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. (f) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (g) From December, 1945, to July 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess. (h) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower. (i) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (j) From 15th March, 1956.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES: AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	June, 1955.	June, 1956.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng. ..	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa ..	£A. to £100 S.A. ..	125.55	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand ..	£A. to £100 N.Z. ..	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	125.54	125.54
Fiji ..	£A. to £100 F. ..	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America	Dollars to £A.1 ..	3.76	2.24	2.23	2.23	2.22	2.23
Canada ..	Dollars to £A.1 ..	3.78	2.19	2.17	2.21	2.18	2.20
Belgium ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	110.94	110.88	110.60	110.38	110.71	110.15
Denmark ..	Kroner to £A.1 ..	17.78	15.34	15.36	15.31	15.35	15.32
France ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	141.21	777.96	776.7	778.02	775.56	778.48
Holland ..	Florins to £A.1 ..	6.94	8.34	8.42	8.43	8.43	8.45
Philippines ..	Pesos to £A.1 ..	7.53	4.46	4.45	4.44	4.44	4.46
Norway ..	Kroner to £A.1 ..	15.80	15.83	15.84	15.84	15.84	15.84
Noumea ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	(a)	138.65	138.61	138.61	138.61	138.61
Sweden ..	Kronor to £A.1 ..	15.41	11.49	11.51	11.48	11.46	11.48
Switzerland ..	Francs to £A.1 ..	16.59	9.69	9.71	9.70	9.70	9.70
Hong Kong ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.83	18.84	18.78	18.84	18.80
India ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.76	22.73	22.72	22.73	22.72
Pakistan ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	32.69	32.57	32.69	22.72
Ceylon ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.81	22.80	22.77	22.81	22.80
Singapore ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.30	35.42	35.27	35.47	35.34

(a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)

Period.	New Policies Issued.					Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(c)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.	
1939.. ..	135,511	£'000. 46,635	385,498	£'000. 18,542	65,177	76,917	£'000. 24,094	262,096	£'000. 12,132	£'000. 36,226
1952-53	283,718	225,944	274,232	35,347	261,291	117,886	67,157	250,106	19,081	86,238
1953-54	284,504	254,125	239,569	32,562	286,687	143,766	81,268	261,779	20,556	101,824
1954-55	282,059	292,374	220,979	32,809	325,183	149,683	93,932	275,754	22,538	116,470
1955-56	297,558	335,231	210,607	32,657	367,888	168,201	110,060	277,099	23,755	133,815
Quarter ended—										
June, 1955 ..	71,397	80,958	57,373	8,789	89,747	37,144	25,097	68,080	5,658	30,755
September, „ ..	93,460	98,585	60,451	9,441	108,026	41,880	28,965	63,179	4,877	33,842
December, „ ..	74,225	95,005	54,380	8,597	103,602	42,195	25,736	76,990	6,610	32,346
March, 1956 ..	58,334	59,225	40,100	6,061	65,286	36,833	25,882	62,296	5,758	31,640
June, „ ..	71,539	82,416	55,676	8,558	90,974	47,293	29,477	74,634	6,510	35,987
Month of—										
April, 1956 ..	22,109	22,613	18,158	2,736	25,349	12,805	8,945	24,401	2,203	11,148
May, „ ..	24,399	30,806	18,499	2,870	33,676	14,562	10,891	22,187	1,901	12,792
June, „ ..	25,121	28,997	19,019	2,952	31,949	19,926	9,641	28,046	2,406	12,047

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea.

(b) Excludes annuity policies.

(c) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &c., and New Loans Granted.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(b)			Claims, &c., Paid.(c)			New Loans Granted.(d)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(e)
1952-53	50,237	13,761	63,998	18,911	7,426	26,337	36,136
1953-54	56,152	14,062	70,214	21,148	8,036	29,184	34,459
1954-55	62,101	14,616	76,717	23,791	8,853	32,644	51,825
1955-56	69,427	14,734	84,161	27,159	9,511	36,670	56,925
Quarter ended—							
June, 1955 ..	17,611	3,781	21,392	6,188	2,259	8,447	16,063
September, „ ..	17,586	3,635	21,221	7,161	2,520	9,681	14,491
December, „ ..	16,884	4,104	20,988	6,781	2,311	9,092	15,931
March, 1956 ..	15,216	3,166	18,382	6,065	2,204	8,269	12,938
June, „ ..	19,741	3,829	23,570	7,152	2,476	9,628	13,565
Month of—							
April, 1956 ..	5,886	1,225	7,111	2,072	737	2,809	3,935
May, „ ..	6,686	1,280	7,966	2,484	884	3,368	4,292
June, „ ..	7,169	1,324	8,493	2,596	855	3,451	5,338

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea.

(b) Includes consideration for annuities.

(c) Includes

claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash.

(d) Excludes advances of premiums.

(e) Not available.

Section VII.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.

(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
TAXATION—				
Customs	31,161	94,757	101,254	87,508
Excise	16,472	125,460	143,149	168,264
Sales Tax	9,308	95,689	100,446	110,001
Flour Tax (a)	1,809	..	..	..
Land Tax	1,489	221	13	..
Income Taxes(b)	11,883	528,181	532,916	573,988
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	40,384	41,455	45,543
Estate Duty	1,915	9,825	9,614	10,120
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	1,386	1,618	1,820
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	1,977	—2	—1
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax (a) .. (c)	74	772	784	851
Wheat Export Charge (a) .. .. .	..	..	5,063	4,294
Other Export Charges (a) (d) .. .. .	..	168	305	419
Stevedoring Industry Charge (a) .. .. .	..	1,630	998	973
Total, Taxation	74,111	900,450	937,613	1,003,780
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—				
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	67,798	72,825	79,341
Railways—				
Trans-Australian	331	1,825	1,928	2,545
Central Australia	138	1,553	1,483	1,937
North Australia	50	68	70	86
Australian Capital Territory	7	15	29	15
Total, Railways	526	3,461	3,510	4,583
Broadcasting Services	(e)	3,867	3,875	3,897
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	75,126	80,210	87,821
TERRITORIES(f)	356	2,195	2,419	2,249
OTHER REVENUE—				
Coinage	123	750	725	199
Defence	151	2,809	4,106	3,820
Atomic Energy Commission .. .. .	..	2,791	1,082	30
Civil Aviation	6	4,313	4,644	1,159
Health	13	80	86	94
Attorney-General	111	322	371	408
Commerce and Agriculture	6	106	..	..
Shipping and Transport	152	391	321	329
Net Profit on Note Issue	787	5,707	5,516	7,866
Other	1,367	27,750	30,348	30,603
Total	2,706	45,019	47,199	44,508
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	1,022,790	1,067,441	1,138,358
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	10 13 9	101 3 5	103 2 11	106 9 10
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	8 8 10	8 16 6	9 6 4
Other	0 8 10	5 6 1	5 9 2	4 19 3
Total	13 14 2	114 18 4	117 8 7	120 15 5

(a) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (b) Includes Social Services Contribution, Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (c) Wool levy for publicity and research. (d) Prior to 1952-53 treated as refunds of revenue. (e) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services ..	5,316	(a) 65,666	(a) 72,030	(a) 80,838
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.i.(b) ..	3,839	6,016	6,645	8,799
Capital Works and Services n.e.i. ..	634	58,541	59,586	61,390
National Welfare and Social Services ..	(c) 16,428	176,565	189,319	214,866
Subsidies and Bounties ..	236	21,320	21,539	17,393
Defence Services ..	8,928	190,661	186,794	190,716
War and Repatriation Services—				
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	9,665	63,679	58,507	59,813
War Pensions ..	8,227	39,425	44,548	47,307
Other Services ..	1,365	17,158	17,270	17,367
Total, War and Repatriation Services ..	19,257	120,262	120,325	124,487
Business Undertakings—				
Postmaster-General's Department—				
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	2,887	3,520	2,958	2,323
Capital Works and Services ..	3,851	25,986	25,839	28,970
Other ..	11,991	68,724	73,289	83,304
Total, Postmaster-General's Department ..	18,729	98,230	102,086	114,597
Railways—				
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	530	561	573	560
Capital Works and Services ..	142	3,382	3,100	2,674
Other ..	801	2,968	3,049	3,161
Total, Railways ..	1,473	6,911	6,722	6,395
Broadcasting Services—				
Capital Works and Services ..	..	281	273	817
Other ..	..	4,684	4,871	5,590
Total, Broadcasting Services ..	(d)	4,965	5,144	6,407
Total, Business Undertakings ..	20,202	110,106	113,952	127,399
Territories(e)—				
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	376	359	361	366
Capital Works and Services ..	739	4,511	5,168	8,049
Other—				
Northern Territory ..	323	2,522	2,749	3,195
Australian Capital Territory ..	349	2,382	2,514	2,385
Papua-New Guinea ..	47	5,812	7,313	8,615
Norfolk Island ..	5	58	34	30
Cocos Island ..	..	..	..	12
Total, Territories ..	1,839	15,644	18,139	22,652
Payments to or for the States—				
Interest on States' Debts(f) ..	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Redemption of States' Debts ..	1,478	3,463	3,947	4,310
Special Grants ..	2,020	15,400	12,300	18,500
Grants, for Road Construction &c., purposes ..	4,266	22,057	22,361	27,469
Tax Reimbursement Grants ..	..	120,415	130,046	141,578
States Grants—Special Assistance ..	..	21,915	19,902	15,348
Tuberculosis Act—Re-imbursement of Capital Expenditure ..	..	1,379	1,709	1,758
Other(g) ..	320	3,433	2,879	3,994
Total, Payments to or for the States ..	15,669	195,647	200,729	220,542
Other Expenditure ..	2,089	6,091	8,232	7,663
GRAND TOTAL ..	94,437	(h) 966,519	(h) 997,290	h 1,076,745
PER HEAD OF POPULATION ..	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 108 11 11	£ s. d. 109 14 3	£ s. d. 114 4 8

(a) Includes freight concessions on North Australia and Central Australia Railways. (b) Includes exchange on interest payments. (c) For expenditure on Social Services see page 76. (d) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure. (e) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (f) Excludes balance of interest payable on States debts (recoverable from States). (g) Includes contributions to South Australia for Port Augusta—Port Pirie Railway. (h) Excludes transfer of surplus revenue 1953-54, £56,271,000; 1954-55, £70,151,000; and 1955-56, £61,613,000 to Trust Accounts.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	Total to 30th June, 1956.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	5,684	4,199	4,039	7,622	1,640,350
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	Cr. 2	Cr. 1	40,527
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	..	Cr. 4	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 5	13,744
Territories(b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 4	Cr. 3	8,716
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—						
Housing	..	30,000	37,200	29,150	33,200	240,559
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Emergency Wheat Storage	..	..	..	..	3,182	3,182
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	29,986	37,187	29,143	36,373	353,970
International Bank Dollar Loans(c)	..	17,935	21,468	23,575	19,369	110,222
Swiss Loans(d)	..	..	5,792	5,930	..	11,722
Canadian Loan(e)	..	..	..	..	6,459	6,459
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	53,605	68,646	62,687	69,823	2,495,713

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (d) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account. (e) Paid to Canadian Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(a)

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Sub- scribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1950—March ..	40,875	46,066	11,887	17,215	31,576	2, 3½	1953, 1961-64
August ..	12,898	46,302	1,301	..	47,000	"	" "
November ..	21,253	32,160	..	..	30,000	"	" "
1951—May ..	40,000	46,192	328	..	48,938	"	1954, (b)1962-65
August ..	40,000	22,628	..	3,840	28,660	2, 3½	1954, 1962-65
November ..	13,233	12,909	..	1,470	12,076	"	"
1952—March ..	30,533	19,449	..	1,787	15,862	"	1955, 1962-65
November ..	20,000	26,925	..	2,459	17,810	4½	1961
1953—March ..	29,789	20,841	92	3,595	28,331	3, 4½	(c)1955, 1962
September ..	50,000	30,977	..	6,850	59,468	"	1955, 1966
1954—March ..	35,000	24,974	..	65	52,000	"	(d)1957, 1967
August ..	37,594	26,832	..	5	46,505	"	(d)1957, 1967
November ..	50,000	18,383	..	..	37,159	"	(e)1957, 1968
1955—March ..	40,000	13,299	..	1	44,095	"	(f)1957, 1968
August ..	35,000	23,630	..	5	39,627	"	(g)1956, 1965
November ..	30,000	11,653	..	13	28,032	"	1970
1956—May ..	30,000	20,734	..	34	33,000	3½, 5	(e)1956, 1965, 1970 (c)1957, (c)1963

(a) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (b) Price of issue: £99. (c) Price of issue: £99 10s. (d) Price of issue: £98 10s. (e) Price of issue: £98 15s. (f) Price of issue: £99 5s. (g) Price of issue: £99 15s.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 30th June, 1956, see page 75.

**COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION,
INDIVIDUALS—1954-55.(a)**

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.		Number of Tax- payers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
				Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£	£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105- 200	.. ..	166,549	25,837	23,144	1,726	24,870	258
201- 300	.. ..	220,238	55,468	49,094	2,821	51,915	1,181
301- 400	.. ..	247,650	86,938	75,757	3,782	79,539	2,903
401- 500	.. ..	281,456	127,263	108,903	4,881	113,784	5,614
501- 600	.. ..	329,867	181,160	154,240	4,883	159,123	9,645
601- 700	.. ..	339,308	221,359	177,300	4,881	182,181	12,540
701- 800	.. ..	472,930	355,466	274,746	5,011	279,757	21,129
801- 900	.. ..	428,201	362,936	275,062	5,013	280,075	23,229
901- 1,000	.. ..	308,464	292,231	220,282	4,786	225,068	20,564
1,001- 1,250	.. ..	382,728	421,095	312,568	10,053	322,621	33,422
1,251- 1,500	.. ..	134,385	182,232	135,088	7,990	143,078	17,922
1,501- 2,000	.. ..	101,130	172,527	129,094	12,122	141,216	21,930
2,000- 3,000	.. ..	70,043	168,702	128,647	16,110	144,757	30,330
3,001- 4,000	.. ..	27,762	95,414	74,101	10,590	84,691	22,690
4,001- 5,000	.. ..	13,155	58,379	45,111	7,647	52,758	16,681
5,001-10,000	.. ..	16,995	112,677	85,499	17,931	103,430	42,617
10,001-15,000	.. ..	2,795	33,351	24,819	6,339	31,158	16,212
15,001 and over	.. ..	1,528	36,476	25,691	7,778	33,469	20,241
Total Residents	.. ..	3,545,184	2,989,511	2,319,146	134,244	2,453,390	319,108
Central Office	.. ..	12,631	38,900	23,251	11,595	34,846	13,826
New South Wales	.. ..	1,331,242	1,129,790	881,594	46,187	927,781	118,700
Victoria	.. ..	1,025,706	846,543	659,711	39,997	699,708	85,287
Queensland	.. ..	481,712	391,042	301,985	12,822	314,807	41,793
South Australia	.. ..	321,439	271,416	209,710	12,673	222,383	27,639
Western Australia	.. ..	242,733	207,868	162,732	7,479	170,211	22,628
Tasmania	.. ..	110,081	85,945	65,952	3,147	69,099	7,448
Northern Territory	.. ..	5,537	5,226	4,085	53	4,138	484
Australian Capital Territory	.. ..	14,103	12,781	10,126	291	10,417	1,303
Total Residents	.. ..	3,545,184	2,989,511	2,319,146	134,244	2,453,390	319,108
Total Non-Residents	.. ..	3,953	4,781	1,143	3,342	4,485	1,066
Grand Total	.. ..	3,549,137	2,994,292	2,320,289	137,586	2,457,875	320,174

(a) Assessed on income for year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

Resident and Non-Resident Companies 1954-55.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income and State or Territory of Assessment.			Number of Taxpayers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.	Net Tax Assessed (b)
£	£		No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1 -	5,000 ..	..	17,916	32,813	26,043	5,278
5,001 -	10,000 ..	..	3,716	27,759	26,158	6,001
10,001 -	20,000 ..	..	2,590	38,062	36,474	9,433
20,001 -	50,000 ..	..	2,031	64,881	63,018	17,564
50,001 -	100,000 ..	..	858	61,787	59,871	17,400
100,001 -	200,000 ..	..	469	67,908	65,857	19,788
200,001 -	500,000 ..	..	264	90,640	80,478	23,819
500,001 and over	..	..	134	213,937	191,176	59,604
Total			27,978	597,787	549,075	158,887
Central Office			2,943	309,545	271,317	82,697
New South Wales			11,096	122,019	118,294	32,570
Victoria			7,510	82,876	80,407	21,377
Queensland			1,936	28,884	27,553	8,143
South Australia			2,525	28,296	27,648	7,193
Western Australia			1,215	18,841	16,664	4,894
Tasmania			622	6,586	6,527	1,897
Northern Territory			28	164	137	31
Australian Capital Territory			103	576	528	85
Total			27,978	597,787	549,075	158,887

(a) Assessed on income for year 1953-54.
income of private companies £4,001,000.

(b) Excludes additional tax levied on the undistributed

Commonwealth Gift Duty 1953-54.

Grade of Value of Gift as Assessed.				Number of Assessments (a)	Value as Assessed.	Net Duty Assessed.
£	£	..	..	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1 -	1,000 ..	..	..	776	268	9
1,001 -	2,000 ..	..	..	226	350	12
2,001 -	3,000 ..	..	..	1,208	3,060	90
3,001 -	4,000 ..	..	..	697	2,462	75
4,001 -	5,000 ..	..	..	523	2,403	74
5,001 -	10,000 ..	..	..	1,190	8,675	272
10,001 -	20,000 ..	..	..	538	7,400	329
20,001 -	50,000 ..	..	..	186	5,174	423
50,001 and over	..	..	..	14	965	156
Total				5,358	30,757	1,440

(a) Number of assessments assessed during 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1953-54.

Grade of Dutiable Value.				Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Assessed.
£	£			No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1- 1,000	..	..	..	5,584	12,587	2,463	74
1,001- 2,000	..	..	..	3,039	10,342	4,428	132
2,001- 3,000	..	..	..	1,844	8,366	4,552	135
3,001- 4,000	..	..	..	1,408	7,760	4,867	145
4,001- 5,000	..	..	..	1,095	7,257	4,899	146
5,001-10,000	..	..	..	2,912	27,240	20,598	611
10,001-20,000	..	..	..	2,154	36,041	30,765	1,345
20,001-50,000	..	..	..	1,321	46,652	38,721	3,148
50,001 and over	..	..	..	264	31,660	22,626	4,353
Total	..	..	..	19,621	187,905	133,919	10,089

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The affects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.(a)										Total.	Sales Tax Payable.
		8½ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16½ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	33½ per cent.	50 per cent.	66½ per cent.		
1938-39 ..	477,147	196,491	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196,491	9,363
1950-51 ..	1,686,233	463,975	49,463	..	..	..	11,325	..	22,584	..	..	547,347	53,984
1951-52 ..	1,945,086	134,246	24,243	327,442	..	85,192	6,079	..	36,276	4,983	4,929	623,390	91,332
1952-53 ..	1,897,669	..	..	403,680	..	121,413	134	..	23,000	6,794	369	555,390	86,085
1953-54 ..	2,154,269	..	..	483,736	176,136	24,265	..	..	3,007	802	..	687,946	96,079
1954-55 ..	2,466,282	..	140,620	421,607	204,713	..	..	..	..	..	..	766,940	101,427
Quarter—													
1955—													
Mar. ..	585,906	..	35,376	94,186	44,554	..	..	..	..	..	..	174,116	23,231
June ..	651,800	..	37,729	102,143	51,945	..	..	..	..	..	..	191,817	25,198
Sept. ..	667,323	..	40,082	107,728	55,354	..	..	..	..	..	..	203,164	26,700
Dec. ..	690,477	..	48,090	121,857	56,915	..	..	..	..	..	..	226,862	29,527
1956—													
Mar. ..	620,986	..	35,997	99,432	44,060	..	1,946	5,450	..	..	..	186,885	25,493
Month—													
1956—													
Jan. ..	178,832	..	9,893	30,256	11,275	..	..	..	..	..	..	51,424	6,650
Feb. ..	208,088	..	12,694	35,794	15,765	..	..	..	..	..	..	64,253	8,371
Mar. ..	234,066	..	13,410	33,382	17,020	..	1,946	5,450	..	..	..	71,208	10,472

(a) The general rate was 4 per cent. to 21st September, 1938 and 5 per cent. to 8th September, 1939. The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8½ per cent. From 13th October, 1950, additional rates of 10 per cent. and 33½ per cent. were introduced. On 27th September, 1951, the general rate was increased to 12½ per cent. and rates of 20 per cent., 50 per cent. and 66½ per cent. were introduced. From 7th August, 1952, the rate of 66½ per cent. was reduced to 50 per cent. and the rate of 25 per cent. eliminated. From 9th September, 1953, the rates of 50 per cent., 33½ per cent. and 20 per cent. were eliminated and the rate of 16½ per cent. was introduced. From 19th August, 1954, the rate of 10 per cent. was re-introduced. From 15th March, 1956, 25 per cent. was re-introduced together with a new rate of 30 per cent.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1954–55 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States—(i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £1,000,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £2,399,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £196,438,000 and from the Expenditure total of £201,154,000. In addition, £2,568,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramway and Omnibus Services. Although contributions towards accumulated losses of Business Undertakings have been made from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952–53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £1,000,000; Victoria—Railways £2,148,000 and South Australia—Railways £3,200,000.

STATE REVENUES. (£'000.)

Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
1954–55.							
Taxation(c)	21,232	20,861	8,735	7,547	(d) 3,757	2,690	64,822
Railways	73,361	37,695	30,805	13,106	12,470	..	167,437
Tramways and Omnibuses	11,475	..	..	..	986	..	12,461
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	3,093	6,326	..	4,721	3,239	5	17,384
Land	4,431	2,259	3,827	379	1,007	405	12,308
Interest n.e.l.	1,050	3,664	1,720	3,334	1,234	2,349	13,351
Commonwealth Payments (e)	61,373	39,484	25,192	16,114	19,728	7,943	169,834
All other Sources	17,024	(f) 6,500	3,541	3,483	3,649	1,103	35,300
Total Revenue 1954–55	193,039	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070	14,495	492,897
Total Revenue per head	£ s. d. 55 16 0	£ s. d. 46 18 9	£ s. d. 55 14 0	£ s. d. 60 5 10	£ s. d. 70 19 10	£ s. d. 46 6 3	£ s. d. 54 10 2
1953–54	186,642	106,748	69,696	48,376	43,596	(b) 13,285	468,343
1952–53	180,908	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725	(b) 12,061	436,111
1951–52	167,095	81,661	55,753	37,588	33,955	(b) 10,469	386,521
1950–51	128,298	63,546	44,723	31,072	28,974	(b) 7,819	304,432
1938–39	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES. (£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (b)	Total.
1954–55.							
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	22,186	16,782	10,158	9,725	7,327	4,216	70,394
Railways	64,562	35,618	30,041	14,556	14,497	..	159,274
Tramways and Omnibuses	13,506	..	..	..	1,137	..	14,643
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,316	4,133	250	3,869	3,484	(g) 997	15,049
Education	32,157	19,423	8,768	6,238	6,568	3,133	76,287
Hospitals	16,319	14,574	7,807	3,905	3,627	1,493	47,725
Other Charities	3,881	3,559	2,004	743	1,167	594	11,948
All Other Expenditure	40,260	21,364	14,574	11,882	(h) 8,747	(i) 4,274	101,101
Total Expenditure 1954–55	195,187	115,453	73,602	50,918	46,554	14,707	496,421
Total Expenditure per head	£ s. d. 56 8 5	£ s. d. 46 8 0	£ s. d. 55 10 8	£ s. d. 63 1 2	£ s. d. 71 14 9	£ s. d. 46 19 9	£ s. d. 54 18 0
1953–54	186,514	106,037	69,353	46,566	43,699	(b) 13,270	465,439
1952–53	180,811	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233	(b) 11,763	436,373
1951–52	166,997	84,067	55,708	37,499	34,547	(b) 10,871	389,689
1950–51	128,265	63,889	44,625	30,842	28,814	(b) 8,066	304,501
1938–39	53,558	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159

(a) Revenue includes balance of Special Grant for 1952–53—South Australia—£1,100,000, Western Australia—£350,000, Tasmania—£600,000.

(b) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission.

(c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1954–55, see p. 74.

(d) Gross collections. (e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (f) Includes contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways, £17,000.

(g) Losses of Transport Commission. (h) Includes reduction of 1952–53 deficit, £350,000.

(i) Includes reduction of 1952–53 adjusted surplus, —£600,000.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1954-55.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways	12,232	8,168	4,122	1,831	4,951	235	31,539
Tramways and Omnibuses	318			700	Cr. 75	131	1,074
Roads and Bridges	200	1,092	Cr. 451	181			
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	1,835	265	14	790	960	722	5,608
Water Supply and Sewerage	2,338	9,399	1,247	6,595	2,488	273	22,340
Electricity Supply	11,500	2,000		5,000	705	7,326	26,531
Public Buildings	12,261	11,171	3,217	2,172	1,997	2,242	33,060
Unemployment Relief	Cr. 21	Cr. 8					Cr. 29
Housing	401	15	666	1,803	1,575	2,421	6,881
Other(b)	357	284	5,243	99	203	444	6,630
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c)	2,730	3,393	335	98	Cr. 1	273	6,828
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	5,756		1,933	1,012	342		9,043
Other	1,407	877	1,698	2,495	231	255	6,963
Other purposes		2,124		668	1,355	Cr. 70	4,077
Total Works, &c.	51,314	38,780	18,024	23,444	14,731	14,252	160,545
Per Head	£ s. d. 14 16 8	£ s. d. 15 11 9	£ s. d. 13 12 0	£ s. d. 29 0 8	£ s. d. 22 14 0	£ s. d. 45 10 8	£ s. d. 17 15 1
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits						302	302
Other (d)	349	242		62	117	135	905
Grand Total	51,663	39,022	18,024	23,506	14,848	14,689	161,752

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1955.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways	247,392	126,780	102,359	52,649	55,310	14,114	598,604
Tramways and Omnibuses	18,351			7,141	1,979	131	27,602
Roads and Bridges	21,681	19,306	10,438	4,867	3,183		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	32,589	2,915	4,108	13,071	13,718	11,095	136,971
Water Supply and Sewerage	50,011	85,544	9,388	51,282	27,330	1,660	225,215
Electricity Supply	86,186	43,089		31,650	14,482	51,095	226,502
Public Buildings	74,899	60,267	23,284	14,845	14,027	11,081	198,403
Unemployment Relief	16,008	13,147				331	29,486
Housing	9,610	9,960	7,830	32,109	5,726	12,480	77,715
Other (b)	14,515	5,865	45,833	2,663	3,157	4,528	76,561
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c)	40,293	88,488	9,923	9,550	13,164	2,718	164,136
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	48,174		8,336	12,649	6,683		75,842
Other	17,222	19,175	22,994	13,977	16,969	2,509	92,846
Other purposes	89	19,416		5,187	16,164	2,354	43,210
Total Works, &c.	677,020	493,952	244,493	251,640	191,892	114,096	1,973,093
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	38,948	15,455	5,826	8,730	12,175	3,478	84,612
Other (d)	27,901	10,446	15,998	3,408	6,154	1,968	65,875
Grand Total	743,869	519,853	266,317	263,778	210,221	119,542	2,123,580

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, &c. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (e) Aggregate gross loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1956.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales	565,261	122,112	10,763	698,136	20,427	3,914	414	24,755
Victoria	397,578	44,705	3,431	445,714	14,886	1,446	121	16,453
Queensland	204,989	43,554	4,256	252,799	7,380	1,445	148	8,973
South Australia	216,659	35,316	2,448	254,423	7,089	1,118	92	9,199
Western Australia	151,838	35,770	1,125	188,733	5,465	1,149	41	6,655
Tasmania	114,918	6,902	313	122,223	4,332	231	12	4,575
Total	1,651,243	288,449	22,336	1,962,028	60,479	9,303	828	70,610

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1955.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	61,372	39,483	25,191	16,114	19,728	7,943	169,831	..	..
Taxation ..	21,217	20,981	8,671	7,547	3,630	2,690	64,736	937,613	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	74,308	37,695	30,805	13,107	12,470	..	168,385	3,510	..
Other ..	14,623	651	..	4,716	3,853	..	23,843	76,700	..
Other ..	22,523	17,979	9,153	7,200	6,389	3,862	67,106	49,618	..
Total ..	194,043	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070	14,495	493,901	1,067,441	1,385,812
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200,729	..
Debt Services ..	22,011	16,748	9,695	9,784	7,280	4,228	69,746	69,044	..
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways ..	68,119	33,907	30,207	14,757	14,497 (e)	677	162,164	3,049	..
Other ..	16,577	827	..	3,917	3,661 (f)	112	25,094	78,160	..
Other ..	89,469	63,970	33,700	22,460	21,116	9,690	240,405	646,308	..
Total ..	196,176	115,452	73,602	50,918	46,554	14,707	497,409	997,290	1,319,169
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	— 2,133	+ 1,337	+ 218	— 2,234	— 484	— 212	— 3,508	+ 70,151	+ 66,643

YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1956.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	64,236	41,570	25,738	19,980	21,710	9,819	183,053	..	..
Taxation ..	18,735	23,026	9,556	8,075	4,019	3,578	66,989	997,244	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	76,120	37,300	30,404	13,044	13,052	..	169,920	4,583	..
Other ..	14,475	680	..	5,523	3,932	..	24,610	83,238	..
Other ..	29,606	20,576	9,971	8,730	6,924	4,430	80,237	53,293	..
Total ..	203,172	123,152	75,669	55,352	49,637	17,827	524,809	1,138,358	1,474,386
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	220,542	..
Debt Services ..	24,232	19,156	10,776	11,788	8,049	5,029	79,030	68,612	..
Business Undertakings (d)									
Railways ..	74,054	36,690	33,070	14,964	15,706 (e)	707	175,191	3,161	..
Other ..	17,308	754	..	4,151	4,021 (f)	182	26,416	88,894	..
Other ..	94,405	69,798	33,546	25,879	23,692	11,978	259,298	695,536	..
Total ..	209,999	126,398	77,392	56,782	51,468	17,896	539,935	1,076,745	1,427,899
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	— 6,827	— 3,246	— 1,723	— 1,430	— 1,831	— 69	— 15,126	+ 61,613	+ 46,487

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts, special grants and prices, &c., control reimbursement grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission. (f) Contribution towards working expenses of Metropolitan Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Year ended June—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common- wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1955	51,314	38,775	18,023	23,506	14,811	14,689	161,118	33,182	194,300
1956	49,750	36,343	19,015	24,161	13,528	13,524	156,321	43,995	200,316

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loans, payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans and payment to Canadian Loan Trust Account on account of Canadian Loan.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1954-55.(a)
(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	..	19	2	9,589	6,314	10,847	2,789	2,519	32,079
Victoria ..	..	22	2,624	6,305	4,172	6,320	3,096	4,949	27,497
Queensland ..	..	9	1,206	2,513	2,613	5,118	285	1,900	13,644
South Australia ..	..	1	568	1,661	1,227	3,238	1,070	155	7,920
Western Australia ..	..	1	391	1,062	1,250	1,458	631	417	5,210
Tasmania ..	..	..	207	472	451	793	462	751	3,136
Total States ..	..	52	4,998	21,602	16,027	27,783	8,333	10,691	89,486
Commonwealth ..	244,403	532,916	13	9,614	..	..	—2	150,669	937,613
Grand Total ..	244,403	532,968	5,011	31,216	16,027	27,783	8,331	161,360	1,027,099

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	..	0 0 1	..	2 15 6	1 16 6	3 2 8	0 16 1	0 14 7	9 5 5
Victoria ..	..	0 0 2	1 1 1	2 10 8	1 13 7	2 10 11	1 4 11	1 19 9	11 1 1
Queensland ..	..	0 0 2	0 18 2	1 17 11	1 19 5	3 17 3	0 4 3	1 8 9	10 5 11
South Australia ..	..	..	0 14 1	2 1 2	1 10 5	4 0 3	1 6 6	0 3 9	9 16 2
Western Australia ..	..	0 0 1	0 12 0	1 12 9	1 18 6	2 4 11	0 19 5	0 12 11	8 0 7
Tasmania ..	..	..	0 13 3	1 10 2	1 8 9	2 10 8	1 9 6	2 8 0	10 0 4
Total States ..	..	0 0 1	0 11 1	2 7 9	1 15 5	3 1 5	0 18 5	1 3 9	9 17 11
Commonwealth ..	26 17 9	58 12 6	..	1 1 2	..	..	..	16 11 6	103 2 11
Grand Total ..	26 17 9	58 12 7	0 11 0	3 8 8	1 15 3	3 1 1	0 18 3	17 15 0	112 19 7

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 65 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £100,446,000, £11 14s. 11d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £41,455,000, £4 11s. 2d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.
(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,808	5,287	74,111	50,519	124,630
1951-52 ..	213,917	(a) 551,142	95,459	73,493	934,011	63,150	997,161
1952-53 ..	183,824	(a) 554,737	89,067	67,836	895,464	71,158	966,622
1953-54 ..	220,217	(a) 528,181	95,689	56,363	900,450	80,400	980,850
1954-55 ..	244,403	532,916	100,446	59,848	937,613	89,486	1,027,099

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

1938-39 ..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 6
1951-52 ..	25 1 8	a 64 12 6	11 3 10	8 12 4	109 10 4	7 8 10	116 18 5
1952-53 ..	21 0 11	a 63 10 3	10 4 0	7 15 4	102 10 6	8 3 9	110 13 5
1953-54 ..	24 14 10	a 59 6 11	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 5	9 1 7	110 4 1
1954-55 ..	26 17 9	58 12 6	11 1 0	6 11 8	103 2 11	9 17 11	112 19 7

(a) Includes Wool Deduction—1951-52, £5,963,000 (14s. 0d. per head); 1952-53, —£2,223,000 (—5s. 1d. per head) and 1953-54, —£239,000 (—6d. per head).

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1954-55.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	50,697	32,397	20,897	11,414	10,238	4,403	130,046
State Tax Collections ..	32,079	27,497	13,644	7,920	5,210	3,136	89,486
Total ..	82,776	59,894	34,541	19,334	15,448	7,539	219,532
Per head of population	£ s. d. 23 18 6	£ s. d. 24 1 5	£ s. d. 26 1 3	£ s. d. 23 18 10	£ s. d. 23 16 1	£ s. d. 24 1 9	£ s. d. 24 5 7

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914–18)	Australia £A.	175,194	144,799	138,430	126,545	122,346
	London £Stg.(a)	11,020	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534
War (1939–45)	Australia £A.	..	1,467,002	1,458,992	1,439,107	1,399,347
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,775	5,725	5,725
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	176,842	209,587	232,797	268,287
	London £Stg.	72,097	50,071	49,478	49,036	48,796
	New York £(b)	15,913	36,192	41,933	50,722	59,199
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	6,126	12,251	12,251
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	3,082
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,788,643	1,807,009	1,798,449	1,789,980
	London £Stg.	83,117	63,380	62,787	62,295	62,055
	New York £(b)	15,913	36,192	41,933	50,722	59,199
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	6,126	12,251	12,251
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	317,527	1,888,215	1,917,855	1,923,717	1,926,567
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	1,230,404	1,379,019	1,515,483	1,651,243
	London £Stg.	384,328	289,493	288,392	288,724	288,449
	New York £(b)	28,265	23,751	21,537	21,520	22,336
Total(d) ..	..	897,772	1,543,648	1,688,948	1,825,727	1,962,028
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	3,019,047	3,186,028	3,313,932	3,441,223
	London £Stg.	467,445	352,873	351,179	351,019	350,504
	New York £(b)	44,178	59,943	63,470	72,242	81,535
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	6,126	12,251	12,251
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	1,215,299	3,431,863	3,606,803	3,749,444	3,888,595

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 10	342 9 6	354 10 8	360 3 8	365 1 8
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	40 0 7	39 1 7	38 3 0	37 3 7
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	6 16 0	7 1 3	7 17 0	8 13 0
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	1 3 8	1 6 8	1 6 0
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	0 6 7
Total(d) ..	..	174 8 4	389 6 1	401 7 2	407 10 4	412 10 10

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.
(£'000.)

Grand Total,	Australia £A.	25,585	86,576	94,924	104,840	111,840
Commonwealth	London £Stg.(a)	18,366	11,355	11,353	11,363	11,387
and State ..	New York £(b)	2,219	2,453	2,599	2,937	3,420
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	245	475	475
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	116
Total(e) ..	..	46,170	100,384	109,121	119,615	127,238

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT.
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth	Australia ..	3 12 9	2 17 4	2 19 7	3 3 3	3 5 0
and State ..	London(a) ..	3 18 7	3 4 4	3 4 8	3 4 9	3 5 0
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 1 10	4 1 11	4 1 4	4 3 11
	Switzerland ..	..	..	4 0 0	3 17 6	3 17 6
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	3 15 0
Total ..	..	3 16 0	2 18 6	3 0 6	3 3 10	3 5 5

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 9.79512 fr. to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)). (e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—					
		1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	108,280	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	165,000
	London £Stg. ..	1,220	970	720	470	220	..
State ..	Australia £A. ..	2,400	..	..	..	..	..
	London £Stg. ..	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	26,068	26,068
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	110,680	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	165,000
	London £Stg. ..	24,088	23,838	23,588	23,338	26,288	26,068

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section VIII.—Social Statistics.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.
(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
Social Benefits—					
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	72,424	81,293	88,006	101,625
Child Endowment		53,244	50,761	52,530	60,381
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service		454	429	451	505
Funeral Benefits		270	288	304	319
Maternity Allowances	436	3,248	3,226	3,362	3,410
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits		6,255	4,543	2,640	2,563
Widows' Pensions		6,334	6,626	6,862	7,723
National Health Services—					
Hospital Benefits		7,223	8,330	9,321	9,553
Medical Benefits			1,434	4,210	5,413
Medical Benefits for Pensioners		1,740	2,115	2,516	2,874
Nutrition of Children		1,521	1,999	2,237	2,405
Pharmaceutical Benefits		6,487	8,219	9,445	10,380
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners		729	1,011	1,295	1,508
Miscellaneous		183	216	258	510
Mental Institution Benefits		523	495	225	
Tuberculosis Campaign (a)		4,876	5,580	5,657	5,697
Total	16,428	165,511	176,565	189,319	214,866

(a) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of hospitals.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year ended 30th June.(a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid. (b)	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per Head of Popn.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
1956.									
New South Wales ..	180,543	40,519	221,062	508	114	7 14	8 7 17 11	42,406	12 0 8
Victoria ..	112,649	18,113	130,762	432	70	7 12	8 7 14 3	24,836	9 13 8
Queensland ..	66,199	12,165	78,364	483	89	7 12	11 7 16 10	15,178	11 4 5
South Australia ..	41,783	4,860	46,643	492	57	7 13	0 7 17 8	8,859	10 12 4
Western Australia ..	30,244	4,425	34,669	446	65	7 13	1 7 16 8	6,681	9 19 9
Tasmania ..	14,074	2,596	16,670	440	81	7 13	2 7 17 6	3,450	10 16 2
Northern Territory ..	138	28	166	75	15	7 14	3 7 19 6	33	1 17 7
Australian Capital Territory ..	577	69	646	167	20	7 12	3 7 17 10	110	3 5 2
Abroad ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	..	..	..	..	72	..
Australia ..	446,207	82,775	528,982	473	89	7 13	7 7 16 10	101,625	10 18 2
1955 ..	425,556	78,498	504,054	463	85	6 14	7 6 17 7	88,006	9 13 8
1954 ..	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14	2 6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8
1953 ..	374,791	70,232	445,023	425	80	6 8	4 6 10 11	72,424	8 5 10
1952 ..	352,049	67,963	420,012	408	79	5 14	2 5 16 4	59,788	7 0 2
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	(d)	(d)	15,992	2 6 2

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and from year 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Excludes the following members of age and invalid pensioners in benevolent homes: 1951-52, 5,625; 1952-53, 6,309; 1953-54, 6,463; 1954-55, 6,132; 1955-56, 6,244. (c) Included in figures for state in which pensioner is permanently domiciled. (d) Combined rate 38s. 5d.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or Australian Territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £8 from 27th October, 1955. These pensions are subject to income and property qualifications.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	No.	No.			£'000.	£ s. d.
1956.						
New South Wales ..	506,512	1,049,901	1,425	2,955	21,971	6 4 8
Victoria ..	361,848	760,667	1,389	2,920	16,165	6 6 1
Queensland ..	194,028	437,588	1,416	3,192	9,383	6 18 9
South Australia ..	122,425	261,074	1,443	3,077	5,498	6 11 9
Western Australia ..	100,047	220,792	1,477	3,259	4,684	7 0 0
Tasmania ..	47,552	108,285	1,488	3,388	2,285	7 3 2
Northern Territory	2,419	5,311	1,322	2,903	150	8 11 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	4,847	10,643	1,406	3,087	239	7 2 1
Abroad ..	129	263	..	..	6	..
Australia ..	1,339,807	2,854,524	1,422	3,028	60,381	6 9 8
1955 ..	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,530	5 15 7
1954 ..	1,280,439	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1
1953 ..	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6 1 11
1952 ..	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,396	2,887	46,825	5 9 4

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June, 1956, 21,140 in 392 institutions; 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,623 in 379 institutions.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 20th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endowee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endowee has the custody of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.(a)

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)		Class A Pensioners.	Average Fortnightly Rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during Year ended 30th June.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
					£'000.	s. d.
1956.						
New South Wales ..	17,357	49	8,260	7 9 4	3,160	17 11
Victoria ..	10,246	39	4,302	7 6 0	1,799	14 0
Queensland ..	7,293	53	3,493	7 7 9	1,328	19 8
South Australia ..	3,505	41	1,548	7 5 9	609	14 7
Western Australia ..	3,015	45	1,143	7 2 8	531	15 10
Tasmania ..	1,419	44	718	7 9 4	268	16 10
Northern Territory	25	14	10	6 16 11	3	3 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	70	20	37	(b)	12	7 2
Abroad ..	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	13	(c)
Australia ..	42,930	46	19,511	7 7 6	7,723	16 7
1955 ..	41,547	45	18,683	6 8 2	6,862	15 1
1954 ..	40,726	45	18,100	6 6 8	6,626	14 11
1953 ..	41,028	47	17,980	6 0 0	6,334	14 6
1952 ..	40,758	47	17,428	5 8 2	5,615	13 2

(a) Excludes seventeen (1955-56), fourteen (1954-55), sixteen (1953-54), sixteen (1952-53) and eleven (1951-52), pensions in respect of pensioners in benevolent homes. (b) Included in New South Wales.

(c) Included in figures for State in which pensioner is permanently domiciled.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 30th June, 1942. Provision is made for payment of pensions subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£4 5s. per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age £3 7s. 6d. per week; "C" Class—a widow without children and in necessitous circumstances—£3 7s. 6d. per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or until the birth of her child if she is pregnant; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, maintaining children under 16 years or who is not less than 50 years of age—£3 7s. 6d. per week. Rates are as from 18th October, 1955.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Australia.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.										
1938-39..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940	..	..	..	80,916
1951-52..	72,688	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,626	..	..	73	195,722
1952-53..	74,011	55,297	31,058	19,068	15,535	7,983	..	..	90	203,042
1953-54..	72,380	54,219	30,889	18,749	15,803	7,726	..	..	48	199,814
1954-55..	76,614	55,720	31,782	18,506	16,261	7,940	481	787	88	208,179
1955-56..	75,591	58,385	32,764	19,036	17,180	8,328	510	961	110	212,865

AMOUNT PAID. (£.)										
1938-39..	167,710	110,219	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764	..	..	..	436,614
1951-52..	1,182,358	835,643	489,751	283,702	241,426	122,618	..	..	1,494	3,156,992
1952-53..	1,195,046	872,085	496,982	305,264	248,925	128,125	..	..	1,878	3,248,305
1953-54..	1,173,058	874,376	496,802	301,146	253,442	125,400	..	..	1,695	3,225,919
1954-55..	1,250,268	892,301	512,445	297,284	261,129	127,502	7,435	12,551	1,392	3,362,307
1955-56..	1,207,471	935,155	525,779	304,392	276,123	136,512	8,129	15,125	1,722	3,410,408

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(b) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of weekly average number of persons on benefit see page 96.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1950-51 ..	25,324	7,731	22,485	350	5,360	1,194	..	..	62,444
1951-52 ..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,374	1,036	..	..	187,011
1952-53 ..	2,686,297	923,732	662,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953-54 ..	1,247,216	507,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589	..	..	2,505,463
1954-55 ..	253,974	99,305	270,416	12,386	26,709	15,952	112	584	679,438
1955-56 ..	215,672	69,664	287,871	10,961	76,888	9,963	73	728	671,820
Quarter ended—									
June 1955	50,285	13,438	84,283	2,028	7,159	1,967	60	119	159,339
September "	38,750	13,391	28,475	2,124	11,134	2,935	11	90	96,910
December "	24,653	12,425	16,832	1,609	10,887	2,876	11	30	69,323
March, 1956	58,200	15,100	126,187	2,593	19,248	2,414	10	221	223,973
June, "	93,709	28,748	116,377	4,635	35,618	1,739	41	747	281,614

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1950-51 ..	296,418	197,719	96,540	70,770	53,911	30,358	..	..	745,716
1951-52 ..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	48,691	24,278	..	..	709,887
1952-53 ..	546,432	370,354	208,889	133,783	84,682	49,154	..	..	1,393,294
1953-54 ..	697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,836	54,719	..	..	1,675,593
1954-55 ..	673,235	387,452	254,982	137,117	98,868	51,716	1,559	2,913	1,607,842
1955-56 ..	641,550	350,171	243,952	134,243	93,854	50,901	1,487	2,914	1,519,073
Quarter ended—									
June 1955	164,957	102,564	50,306	33,073	24,141	13,907	352	774	390,074
September "	189,015	95,796	48,749	36,373	23,757	14,110	414	830	409,044
December "	146,671	88,329	62,394	29,459	22,146	12,963	379	658	362,999
March, 1956	145,767	77,899	89,263	31,236	24,227	12,550	303	1,764	383,009
June, "	158,137	88,148	43,546	37,175	23,724	11,278	391	1,622	364,021

(a) In addition £229,053 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1950-51; £110,759 during 1951-52; £292,431 during 1952-53; £362,398 during 1953-54; £352,587 during 1954-55; and £372,220 during 1955-56; these amounts include payments to migrants. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954. (d) Includes £27,950 increase in advances to regional offices.

NOTE.—The Social Services Act 1947-1956 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s. for the first dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 22nd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from a friendly society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons 16 years of age to £1 for adults and married persons. There is a waiting period of 7 days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.			Expenditure during Year ended 30th June. (a)
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.
1956.								
New South Wales (b)	68,403	116,313	16,995	201,711	7 10 7	3 16 4	5 8 3	(d)
Victoria ..	57,452	97,402	13,974	168,828	7 5 5	3 14 8	5 5 10	
Queensland ..	25,812	48,633	5,229	79,674	8 5 6	3 6 9	5 11 6	
South Australia (c)	19,639	39,633	4,022	63,294	8 5 8	3 17 1	5 14 4	
Western Australia	17,986	32,630	3,811	54,427	6 7 1	3 5 4	4 11 11	
Tasmania ..	8,219	16,614	1,650	26,483	8 19 8	3 11 8	5 17 8	
United Kingdom ..	1,393	1,672	1,168	4,233	5 13 2	4 6 5	4 15 8	(d)
Elsewhere ..	419	419	159	964	5 4 8	4 0 6	4 11 3	
Total ..	199,290	353,316	47,008	599,614	7 10 4	3 13 11	5 7 0	47,306
1955 ..	196,255	340,361	46,921	583,537	4 13 2	1 12 8	2 13 0	44,516
1954 ..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	36,797
1953 ..	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356
1952 ..	184,848	292,952	47,015	524,815	3 13 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845
1939 ..	77,151	144,571	27,571	249,293	1 19 10	0 16 6	1 3 8	7,819

(a) Includes Service Pensions in 1954-55 and 1955-56.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(d) Not yet available.

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June.						Average Fort- nightly Rate of Pensions.	Expendi- ture during Year ended 30th June.(a)
	Age.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuber- culosis.		Total.		
		Members of Forces.	Members of Forces.	Depend- ants.	Members of Forces.				Depend- ants.
							£ s. d.	£'000.
1956.								
New South Wales(b)	4,644	2,005	3,188	528	773	12,138	5 5 4	..
Victoria ..	2,416	2,574	2,483	289	426	8,188	5 0 11	..
Queensland ..	2,009	1,630	1,680	207	314	5,840	5 4 8	..
South Australia(c)	970	975	1,030	91	175	3,241	5 2 10	..
Western Australia	1,522	986	918	101	121	2,648	5 13 5	..
Tasmania ..	320	563	702	50	85	1,720	4 6 5	..
Australia ..	11,881	9,733	10,001	1,266	1,894	34,775	5 3 10	..
1955 ..	10,566	5,555	5,286	379	530	22,316	5 7 9	(a)
1954 ..	9,648	5,294	5,092	321	451	20,806	5 4 2	2,695
1953 ..	8,703	4,971	4,780	291	432	19,177	4 16 6	2,225
1952 ..	7,587	4,561	4,270	269	389	17,076	4 6 9	1,778
1939 ..	3,397	3,393	4,667	619	1,032	13,108	1 5 10	407

(a) Included with War Pensions in 1954-55 and 1955-56.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.
(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

1954.

New South Wales(a)	..	2,557	15,521	467,441	415,860
Victoria ..	..	2,003	10,924	299,670	272,548
Queensland ..	..	1,555	6,407	(b) 184,210	161,835
South Australia ..	..	679	4,326	117,245	109,395
Western Australia ..	..	483	3,051	88,748	82,677
Tasmania ..	..	321	2,048	51,825	47,169
Northern Territory(c)	..	9	68	1,676	1,520
Australia ..	..	7,607	42,345	1,210,815	1,091,004
1953 ..	..	7,595	40,237	1,149,915	1,037,621
1952 ..	..	7,620	38,407	1,088,087	974,934
1951 ..	..	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514
1950 ..	..	7,790	36,085	958,112	844,123
1939 ..	..	9,940	31,199	859,663	744,095

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)

1954.

New South Wales(a)	..	768	6,216	151,882	137,473
Victoria ..	..	494	3,584	118,102	(e) 107,000
Queensland ..	..	284	2,052	54,792	49,788
South Australia ..	..	157	1,137	24,949	22,782
Western Australia ..	..	252	1,001	28,021	26,299
Tasmania ..	..	57	425	10,116	9,005
Northern Territory(c)	..	2	13	450	389
Australia ..	..	2,014	14,428	388,312	352,736
1953 ..	..	1,958	13,898	366,086	337,156
1952 ..	..	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951 ..	..	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429
1950 ..	..	1,870	12,909	309,673	275,562
1939 ..	..	1,863	11,496	250,860	219,171

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Enrolments at 1st August, 1954. (c) Year ended 30th June, 1955. (d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control. (e) Estimated.

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income. (a) £	Total Expenditure. (a) £
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	£
1955.						
Sydney	458	397	7,328	1,210	2,669,597	2,286,689
Melbourne	394	187	7,080	1,055	(b)	(b)
Queensland (Brisbane) ..	252	205	4,527	395	1,081,626	1,085,749
Adelaide	192	151	4,165	320	989,376	1,026,933
Western Australia (Perth)	116	59	1,942	233	1,006,584	693,296
Tasmania (Hobart) ..	78	13	783	71	321,198	325,180
N.S.W. University of Technology (Sydney) ..	326	405	4,092	125	2,132,623	2,106,654
New England (Armidale N.S.W.)	70	20	575	20	432,390	415,413
Canberra University College	32	22	300	..	114,174	103,084
Australia	1,918	1,459	30,792	3,429	(b)	(b)
1954	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,499	9,433,337	8,258,072
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,832	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346
1951	1,549	1,533	31,671	4,498	5,720,060	5,352,421
1939	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) Since 1952 the finances relate to income and expenditure (including capital items). Prior to 1952 the figures were as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis (excluding capital items) and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue.

(b) Not yet available.

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a Post-Graduate Research University), had in 1955 a full-time teaching staff of 102, with 59 Post-graduate scholars. In 1955 the income was £1,770,623 and the expenditure was £1,770,508.

POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners at end of Period.
1954.			
New South Wales	4,610	(a) 16	(a) 2,238
Victoria	3,021	11	1,186
Queensland(a)	2,355	7	587
South Australia	(a) 1,086	16	377
Western Australia(a) ..	964	19	386
Tasmania(a)	471	2	163
Northern Territory(a) ..	62	2	50
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	..	..
Australia	12,629	73	4,987
1953	12,705	72	4,906
1952	12,675	70	4,930
1951	12,318	69	4,444
1950	11,677	71	4,089
1939	9,566	74	3,336

(a) Year ended 30th June, 1955.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hos- pitals.	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In- patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c) £'000.	Expendi- ture. (c) £'000.
			Medi- cal.	Nurs- ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		
1954-55.							
New South Wales	262	19,764	3,980	10,450	406,901	20,079	20,316
Victoria(a)	117	11,810	1,893	7,108	259,834	21,139	21,044
Queensland	140	10,657	754	4,469	192,511	10,909	10,673
South Australia	63	3,586	527	1,960	64,310	4,409	4,424
Western Australia	96	4,258	352	2,257	78,134	4,724	4,644
Tasmania	26	2,289	188	1,118	33,550	1,965	2,012
Nor. Territory	4	365	13	99	6,106	..	429
Aust. Cap. Terr.	1	250	31	105	4,566	289	289
Australia	709	52,979	7,738	27,566	1,045,912	63,943	63,831
1953-54	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,814	53,884
1952-53	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	51,141	50,541
1951-52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	41,217	43,328
1950-51	664	46,417	6,424	23,055	867,721	32,406	32,582
1938-39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,351

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1954-55 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,090,879; Victoria 598,647; Queensland, 561,088; South Australia, 110,879; Western Australia, 117,000 (estimated); Tasmania, 109,279; Northern Territory, 57,473; and Australian Capital Territory, 5,383; Australia, 2,650,628. (c) Excludes Loan Receipts and Expenditure for New South Wales. (d) Fifteen months ended 30th June, 1955.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hos- pitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue. (a) £'000.	Expendi- ture. £'000.
			Medi- cal.	Nurs- ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		
1954-55.							
New South Wales..	13	12,589	(b) 36	2,006	13,422	404	4,223
Victoria(c)	10	7,219	63	1,810	7,795	(d) 71	(d) 5,014
Queensland(e)	5	4,753	13	950	4,704	17	1,476
South Australia	2	2,615	13	412	2,613	94	998
Western Australia(c)	4	1,670	6	301	1,798	(d) 49	(d) 704
Tasmania	1	810	4	177	760	19	314
Australia	35	29,656	135	5,656	31,092	654	12,729
1953-54	34	29,089	140	5,415	30,862	888	11,681
1952-53	33	28,546	149	5,132	30,190	866	10,714
1951-52	33	27,573	167	4,985	29,563	861	8,749
1950-51	33	27,512	138	4,826	28,932	812	6,450
1938-39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904

(a) Excluding grants from State governments. (b) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists.
(c) Year 1954. (d) Year 1954-55. (e) Includes the Epileptic Home.

Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 44-54.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1938-39 ..	1,372	5,964	1,876	6,711	1,490	5,990	1,938	6,835
1950-51 ..	1,769	8,200	1,911	8,601	1,430	6,169	1,992	8,707
1951-52 ..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952-53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867
1953-54 ..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,157	2,074	8,854
1954-55 ..	1,943	9,162	2,245	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,260	10,064
1955-56 ..	2,052	9,943	2,413	11,022	1,713	7,275	2,642	11,289

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped.
(’000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE, 1955.								
New South Wales ..	4,511	350	3,126	1,329	3,630	399	1,177	452
Victoria ..	2,223	353	3,937	1,286	883	423	1,264	556
Queensland ..	407	329	927	185	518	116	1,286	122
South Australia ..	1,898	182	965	359	3,811	193	1,324	123
Western Australia ..	431	238	1,758	207	874	99	898	110
Tasmania ..	630	169	238	37	493	242	133	56
Northern Territory ..	36	..	41	..	4	..	1	1
Australia ..	10,136	1,621	10,992	3,403	10,213	1,472	6,083	1,420

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE, 1956.

New South Wales ..	5,021	326	3,322	1,361	3,520	287	1,340	451
Victoria ..	2,469	368	4,679	1,306	1,193	372	1,359	550
Queensland ..	589	286	810	229	558	110	1,290	136
South Australia ..	2,072	141	644	348	4,196	141	1,374	150
Western Australia ..	297	217	2,706	130	1,623	122	1,175	116
Tasmania ..	698	248	224	46	516	321	126	143
Northern Territory ..	38	3	46	1	5	..	3	..
Australia ..	11,184	1,589	12,431	3,421	11,611	1,353	6,667	1,546
Total 1954-55 ..	10,136	1,621	10,992	3,403	10,213	1,472	6,083	1,420
„ 1953-54 ..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
„ 1952-53 ..	8,905	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452
„ 1951-52 ..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,682	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,231
„ 1950-51 ..	6,980	1,612	9,084	3,989	6,723	1,326	5,405	1,295
„ 1949-50 ..	6,447	1,520	7,686	3,576	6,419	1,207	5,061	1,388
„ 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 30th JUNE, 1956.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)—									
United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	..	8s. 11½d.	per box (56 lb.).		
Continent	..	..	..	..	..	9s. 5d.	" "	" "	
Cheese (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	..	..	1 11½d.	per lb.		
Eggs (in shell)	..	..	..	..	..	266s.	per ton measurement.		
Meats—									
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—									
Beef	..	..	..	..	..	2 7½d.	per lb.		
Lamb	..	..	..	..	..	3 1½d.	" "		
Mutton	..	..	..	..	..	2 11½d.	" "		
Rabbits and Hares	..	..	..	..	..	208s.	ton measurement.		
Preserved in tins	..	..	..	..	..	179s.	" "	" "	
Sausage Casings—(dried)—cases or casks	..	..	..	..	..	179s.	" "	" "	
(Refrigerator) in brine in casks	..	..	..	..	..	268s.	" "	" "	
Milk and Cream (condensed)	..	..	..	..	..	179s.	" "	" "	

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Refined)	..	..	..	..	..	286s.	per ton weight.		
Jams	..	..	..	..	..	141s. 6d.	per ton measurement.		
Jellies	..	..	..	..	..	179s.	" "	" "	
Dried Fruits	..	..	..	..	..	141s. 6d.	" "	" "	
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—									
Apples	..	..	..	..	..	11s.	per bushel case.		
Citrus	..	..	..	..	..	11s.	" "	" "	
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—									
Wheat—									
Bulk	..	..	..	..	..	157s. 6d.	per ton weight.		
Bagged	..	..	..	..	..	157s. 6d.	" "	" "	
Barley	..	..	..	..	..	172s. 6d.	" "	" "	
Oats	..	..	..	..	..	195s.	" "	" "	
Maize	..	..	..	..	..	177s. 6d.	" "	" "	
Grain and Pulse, prepared—									
Flour, Wheaten	..	..	..	..	..	172s. 6d.	" "	" "	
Bran	192s. 6d.	" "	" "	
Pollard	185s.	" "	" "	
Rice (clean, husked)	177s. 6d.	" "	" "	

WINE	179s.	per ton measurement.		
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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—									
Calf	..	..	..	..	..	1 7½d.	per lb.		
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	2½d.	" "		
Rabbit	..	..	..	..	..	4 11½d.	" "		
Other	..	..	..	..	..	4 11½d.	" "		
Pearl-shell	..	..	..	..	..	179s.	per ton measurement.		
Wool—									
Greasy	..	..	..	..	..	2.97d.	per lb. less 7%.		
Scoured and Washed	..	..	..	..	..	3.74d.	" "	" "	
Tops	..	..	..	..	..	3.56d.	per lb. (net).		

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	..	..	179s.	per ton weight.		
Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	..	..	179s.	" "	" "	
Copra	..	..	..	..	..	292s.	" "	" "	
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	..	..	2 ½d.	per lb.		

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire (Effects)	..	..	..	..	..	280s.	per ton measurement.		
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	..	315s.	per ton weight.		

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oil—									
Coconut	..	..	..	..	..	202s.	per ton measurement.		
Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	..	179s.	" "	" "	
Fusel	..	..	..	..	..	286s.	" "	" "	
Whale	..	..	..	..	..	209s. 6d.	" "	" "	
Other	179s.	" "	" "	
Tallow, Unrefined	202s.	" "	" "	

PAINTS AND VARNISHES	179s.	per ton measurement.		
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Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 30th June, 1956—continued.

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums	..	..	..	..	118s. 6d. per ton weight
Zinc—					
<i>Ex</i> Risdon	..	..	..	..	107s. 6d. " " "
Other than above	..	..	..	..	95s. " " "
Dust (in cases)	..	..	..	..	422s. " " "
Sheet (in cases)	..	..	..	..	185s. " " "
Copper (ingots)	..	..	..	..	173s. 6d. " " "
Lead	..	..	..	..	95s. " " "
Steel—					
Billets (up to 30 feet)	..	..	..	..	110s. " " "
Tyres	..	..	..	..	159s. " " "
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	..	..	..	..	90s. " " "

RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Rubber	..	..	..	..	162s. per ton measurement.
Leather	..	..	..	..	393s. per ton weight.

WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—					
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	74s. 5d. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	79s. 11d. " " "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	..	..	..	..	85s. 10d. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	43s. 10d. " " "

EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS

..	179s. per ton measurement.
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STATIONERY

..	179s. " " "
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DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers	179s. " " weight
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap	179s. " " measurement.
Casein	283s. 6d. " " weight

SPECIE

..	15s. per cent.
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INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES. GENERAL CARGO, 30th June, 1956.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Brisbane	..	135 6	..	162 6	..
Sydney	134 0	..
Melbourne	..	162 6	134 0	..	..
Adelaide	..	165 0	150 0	..	..
Fremantle	..	181 6(a)	174 0	..	164 0
Hobart	..	158 6(b)	132 6	..	119 0
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	..	162 0(b)	132 6	..	105 0
Darwin	..	239 6	253 6	..	266 0
Auckland(c)	..	152 0	145 0	231 3(d)	145 0
Wellington(c)	..	152 0(d)	145 0(d)	..	145 0(d)
Lyttleton(c)	..	152 0	145 0	231 3(d)	145 0
Dunedin(c)	..	152 0	145 0	231 3(d)	145 0
New Hebrides—Vila	260 0	..	..
Norfolk Island	240 0	..	..
Papua—					
Port Moresby	..	210 0	210 0	..	210 0
Samarai	..	210 0	210 0	..	210 0
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang	..	240 0	240 0	..	240 0
Rabaul	..	220 0	220 0	..	220 0

(a) Plus 18s. per ton if trans-shipped. (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (c) Rates expressed in sterling. (d) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 7-23.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,101	6,102
Victoria ..	4,759	4,686	4,694	4,660	4,482	4,451
Queensland(a) ..	6,567	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,553
South Australia ..	2,557	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,564	2,564
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,228	4,113	4,108	4,111	4,111
Tasmania ..	658	605	605	605	605	605
Australia ..	27,234	26,946	26,839	26,800	26,624	26,587

REVENUE TRAIN-MILES.

('000.)

Commonwealth ..	902	1,841	1,889	1,738	1,953	2,029
New South Wales ..	30,106	(b)38,112	(b)40,012	36,289	37,506	37,478
Victoria ..	17,890	14,575	16,973	17,690	18,303	18,740
Queensland(a) ..	13,927	(c) 18,562	(c) 18,652	18,563	19,241	19,637
South Australia ..	6,177	6,379	6,943	7,199	7,359	7,216
Western Australia ..	6,575	7,136	6,802	5,255	7,204	7,769
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,071	2,092	1,990	1,898	2,067
Australia ..	77,483	88,676	93,363	88,724	93,464	94,936

PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.(d)

('000.)

Commonwealth ..	117	186	191	190	224	215
New South Wales ..	186,720	268,567	268,168	271,699	278,904	281,417
Victoria ..	142,124	141,313	165,131	162,857	166,106	169,204
Queensland(a) ..	24,639	34,118	35,003	35,819	35,879	35,919
South Australia ..	17,529	17,177	18,269	17,565	17,605	16,849
Western Australia ..	11,415	11,543	10,536	6,339	8,678	10,139
Tasmania ..	2,297	3,182	3,186	3,151	3,285	3,114
Australia ..	384,841	476,086	500,484	497,620	510,681	516,857

GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED.

('000 tons.)

Commonwealth ..	186	591	694	660	762	816
New South Wales (e) ..	15,417	18,324	19,817	19,121	20,140	19,386
Victoria ..	5,976	7,539	9,204	9,192	9,200	10,082
Queensland(a) ..	5,234	7,096	6,741	7,351	8,081	8,492
South Australia ..	2,640	3,497	3,941	4,147	4,433	4,474
Western Australia ..	2,859	3,033	3,063	2,619	3,206	3,407
Tasmania ..	844	861	889	897	968	1,041
Australia ..	33,156	40,941	44,349	43,987	46,790	47,698

(a) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Estimated. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Based on ticket sales, allowances being made for periodical tickets. Except in Tasmania, concession tickets are counted as full journeys. (e) Includes an estimate for livestock.

Government Railways—continued.

System.	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	547	2,153	2,925	2,710	3,402	3,741
New South Wales ..	19,146	49,448	68,910	72,676	74,569	73,361
Victoria ..	9,274	18,651	24,186	31,864	35,707	37,667
Queensland(b) ..	7,798	19,772	23,358	25,985	30,223	31,625
South Australia ..	3,119	7,315	9,457	11,891	12,718	12,939
Western Australia ..	3,599	6,969	8,885	7,667	11,111	12,315
Tasmania ..	487	1,336	1,797	2,039	2,133	2,322
Australia ..	43,970	105,644	139,518	154,832	169,863	173,970

WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	642	2,434	2,808	2,728	2,897	2,921
New South Wales ..	14,543	49,168	64,020	66,452	68,197	68,397
Victoria ..	8,060	20,810	29,612	34,008	35,951	37,032
Queensland(b) ..	6,193	19,427	24,646	27,979	29,103	30,946
South Australia ..	2,931	9,992	13,505	15,013	14,934	15,414
Western Australia ..	2,911	8,932	11,016	12,510	14,298	14,690
Tasmania ..	678	2,009	2,567	2,864	2,804	3,077
Australia ..	35,958	112,772	148,174	161,554	168,184	172,477

NET REVENUE. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	— 95	— 281	117	— 18	505	820
New South Wales ..	4,603	280	4,890	6,224	6,372	4,964
Victoria ..	1,214	— 2,159	— 5,426	— 2,144	— 244	635
Queensland(b) ..	1,605	345	— 1,288	— 1,994	1,120	679
South Australia ..	188	— 2,677	— 4,048	— 3,122	— 2,216	— 2,475
Western Australia ..	688	— 1,963	— 2,131	— 4,843	— 3,187	— 2,375
Tasmania ..	— 191	— 673	— 770	— 825	— 671	— 755
Australia ..	8,012	— 7,128	— 8,656	— 6,722	1,679	1,493

RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE.
(PER CENT.)

Commonwealth ..	117.43	113.04	95.99	100.66	85.14	78.09
New South Wales ..	75.96	99.43	92.90	91.44	91.45	93.23
Victoria ..	86.91	111.58	122.43	106.73	100.68	98.31
Queensland(b) ..	79.42	98.26	105.51	103.67	96.30	97.85
South Australia ..	93.97	136.60	142.81	126.26	117.42	119.12
Western Australia ..	80.90	128.17	123.98	163.18	128.68	119.29
Tasmania ..	139.18	150.35	142.81	140.44	131.48	132.50
Australia ..	81.78	106.74	106.20	104.34	99.01	99.14

(a) Excludes Government Grants.
Uniform Gauge line (69 route-miles).

(b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—continued.

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1955.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,101	4,451	6,491	2,564	4,111	605	26,524
Train-miles '000	1,481	28,018	14,086	14,610	5,453	5,741	1,526	70,915
Revenue (c) £'000	618	15,469	8,364	3,948	1,346	1,009	163	30,917
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)								
Goods, including Live-stock and Minerals	1,935	39,385	18,718	19,322	7,833	7,663	1,497	96,353
Miscellaneous ..	216	615	1,562	(d)	664	537	52	3,646
Total Revenue (c) ..	2,769	55,469	28,644	23,270	9,843	9,209	1,712	130,916
Working Expenses £'000	2,185	50,153	27,143	22,496	(e) 11,080	10,133	2,046	125,236
Net Revenue .. £'000	584	5,316	1,501	774	- 1,237	- 924	- 334	5,680
Ratio of Working Ex-penses to Revenue %	78.90	90.42	94.76	96.68	112.56	110.04	119.48	95.66
Revenue per Train-mile	37s. 5d.	39s. 7d.	40s. 8d.	31s. 10d.	36s. 1d.	32s. 1d.	22s. 5d.	36s. 11d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	29s. 6d.	35s. 10d.	38s. 6d.	30s. 10d.	40s. 8d.	35s. 4d.	26s. 10d.	35s. 4d.
Passenger-journeys '000	158	209,394	126,604	27,291	12,563	7,246	2,360	385,616
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	39	(f) 533	460	591	166	101	18	1,908
Coal and Coke ..	384		1,927	1,285	671	442		
Other Minerals ..	11	14,055		491	679	145	210	
Other Goods ..	170		5,180	4,245	2,162	1,809	545	34,411
Total Freight ..	604	14,588	7,567	6,612	3,678	2,497	773	36,319

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1956.

Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,102	4,451	6,387	2,564	4,111	585	26,401
Train-miles '000	1,694	29,159	14,036	14,080	5,350	6,127	1,598	72,044
Revenue(c) £'000	725	16,968	9,093	3,997	1,404	1,150	166	33,503
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)								
Goods, including Live-stock and Minerals	2,455	38,663	17,023	18,858	7,769	7,877	1,700	94,345
Miscellaneous ..	215	510	1,648	(d)	664	593	59	3,689
Total Revenue (c) ..	3,395	56,141	27,764	22,855	9,837	9,620	1,925	131,537
Working Expenses £'000	2,296	54,279	28,238	23,919	(e) 11,711	11,187	2,212	133,842
Net Revenue .. £'000	+ 1,099	+ 1,862	- 474	- 1,064	- 1,874	- 1,567	- 287	- 2,305
Ratio of Working Ex-penses to Revenue %	67.61	96.68	101.71	104.66	119.06	116.29	114.94	101.75
Revenue per Train-mile	40s. 1d.	38s. 6d.	37s. 7d.	32s. 6d.	36s. 9d.	31s. 5d.	24s. 1d.	36s. 6d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	27s. 1d.	37s. 3d.	40s. 3d.	34s. 0d.	43s. 9d.	36s. 6d.	27s. 8d.	37s. 2d.
Passenger-journeys '000	170	209,032	124,994	27,149	12,179	9,070	2,217	384,811
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	85	(f) 538	368	588	174	110	20	1,883
Coal and Coke ..	351		2,003	1,175	211	332		
Other Minerals ..	20	13,551	4,804	498	753	190	222	
Other Goods ..	215			3,982	2,163	1,973	574	33,067
Total Freight ..	671	14,089	7,175	6,243	3,301	2,655	816	34,950

(a) Excludes South Brisbane—Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Financial details include road motors. (c) Excludes Government grants. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Includes depreciation. (f) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin*, No. 46, pages 24-30.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue. (a)	Working Expenses. (b)	Net Revenue.
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000
1954-55.						
New South Wales	117	14,663	191,958	4,731	6,416	— 1,685
Victoria ..	175	23,173	220,095	5,345	5,692	— 347
Queensland ..	67	9,642	101,885	2,306	2,317	— 11
South Australia ..	92	7,646	54,909	1,787	2,133	— 346
Western Australia	31	2,205	17,289	487	573	— 86
Tasmania (c) ..	(d) 30	2,946	23,118	611	666	— 55
Total 1954-55 ..	512	60,275	609,254	15,267	17,797	— 2,530
Total—1953-54(c)	520	63,762	629,557	15,780	18,181	— 2,401
1952-53(c)	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	— 2,452
1951-52(c)	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	— 1,988
1950-51(e)	567	71,746	749,138	13,610	14,553	— 943
1938-39 ..	606	81,361	695,476	7,649	6,089	1,560

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus services. (d) Excludes 15 miles of Hobart Omnibus services. (e) Includes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus-mileage.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1954-55.					
New South Wales ..	484	33,106	217,882	5,686	7,769
Victoria ..	64	7,241	56,511	1,415	1,452
Queensland ..	436	6,137	39,521	879	1,003
South Australia ..	38	2,592	11,538	347	512
Western Australia ..	2,873	6,978	25,813	954	949
Tasmania (c) ..	535	1,137	1,809	205	187
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	46	926	(d) 3,700	127	191
Total 1954-55 ..	4,476	58,117	356,774	9,613	12,063
Total—1953-54 ..	4,591	57,318	347,525	8,853	11,387
1952-53(c)	4,533	55,672	340,262	9,320	11,465
1951-52(c)	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298
1950-51(e)	3,994	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234
1949-50(e)	3,208	53,817	325,079	6,307	6,743

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways. (d) Estimated. (e) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations &c. appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

Excludes Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of Navy vehicles were included.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
1954-55.									
New South Wales	441,896	227,353	39,787	709,036	999,751	8,787,771	782,975	1,489,618	11,060,364
Victoria(b)	456,024	149,930	29,193	629,147	725,826	5,262,968	363,913	964,884	6,590,765
Queensland	163,697	122,623	21,401	307,721	(c)	4,112,477	129,261	914,887	5,156,625
South Australia	142,733	65,129	21,640	229,502	275,798	2,879,983	373,326	91,196	3,344,505
Western Australia	90,255	63,891	14,662	168,808	191,051	1,228,206	112,260	151,189	1,491,715
Tasmania	44,884	21,483	5,306	71,673	83,775	600,152	41,888	146,594	788,634
Northern Territory	1,601	2,836	562	4,999	7,310	32,554	4,822	164	37,540
Australian Capital Territory	5,992	2,364	478	8,834	12,343	47,356	6,365	1,048	54,769
Total 1954-55	1347082	649,609	133,029	2,129,720	22295854	22,951,527	1,813,810	3,759,580	28,524,917
1953-54	1199833	606,899	140,614	1,947,346	2148119	20,450,179	1,634,955	4,326,359	26,411,493
1952-53(e)	1107659	579,444	147,639	1,834,742	2,288,370	18,779,761	1,403,019	3,708,435	23,891,215
1951-52(e)	1030992	580,502	153,933	1,765,427	2,194,167	15,995,554	1,336,530	3,607,266	20,939,350
1950-51(e)	882,455	548,373	145,132	1,575,960	1,985,821	12,333,075	1,141,318	2,403,767	15,878,160
1938-39..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

(a) Includes hire cars and taxis. (b) See note (a) in table below. (c) Not available.
(d) Excludes Queensland. (e) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. (Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
AT 30TH JUNE, 1956.									
Motor Cars(b)	483,397	498,584	179,190	154,377	98,965	48,318	1,904	6,978	1,471,713
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	242,514	151,657	127,393	63,611	66,450	25,537	3,077	2,580	679,819
Motor Cycles	37,039	27,675	20,894	20,713	13,879	4,792	566	515	125,573
Total	762,950	677,916	326,977	238,701	179,294	75,647	5,547	10,078	2,277,105
At 30th June, 1955	709,036	629,147	307,721	229,502	168,808	71,673	4,999	8,834	2,129,720
" " " 1954	654,557	559,246	284,207	218,412	153,936	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,346
" " " 1953	613,554	539,828	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	(c)	6,947	1,834,742
" " " 1952	590,532	533,226	255,025	192,313	132,967	55,104	(c)	6,260	1,765,427
" " " 1939	319,015	261,855	128,163	90,756	69,679	26,360	1,426	2,279	899,533

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.
(b) Includes hire cars and taxis. (c) Not available. (d) Excludes Northern Territory.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES. (Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956.									
Motor Cars(b)	56,074	53,511	19,629	17,461	10,115	5,461	214	1,133	163,598
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	25,994	16,882	11,371	6,510	5,258	2,632	343	322	69,812
Motor Cycles	2,971	2,360	1,689	1,925	1,089	332	63	101	10,530
Total	85,039	72,753	32,689	25,896	16,462	8,425	620	1,556	243,940
Total 1954-55	84,554	69,243	34,116	27,248	19,677	8,483	588	1,362	245,271
1953-54	67,987	50,904	28,455	21,162	16,864	7,133	420	932	193,857
1952-53	53,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	(c) 386	688	156,996
1951-52	73,466	70,265	27,270	24,466	17,382	7,278	(d)	817	220,935
1938-39	30,534	24,270	14,024	8,143	6,046	3,060	(d)	327	(e)86,404

(a) See Note (a) in table above. (b) Includes hire cars and taxis. (c) Excludes motor cycles.
(d) Not available. (e) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, pages 31-34.

CIVIL AVIATION.

Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc.

Particulars.	At 30th June.				At 31st March.	
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1955.	1956.
Registered Aircraft Owners	160	369	384	414	402	431
Registered Aircraft	344	821	845	887	871	922
Pilots' Licences—						
Private	1,123	1,677	2,035	2,245	2,213	2,348
Student	(a)	2,639	2,831	3,193	2,971	3,245
Commercial	376	518	552	582	583	632
Airline Transport		911	917	963	948	998
Flight Navigators' Licences	(b) 65	163	166	161	163	169
Radio Operators' Licences	(c) 75	1,256	1,310	1,344	1,357	1,431
Flight Engineers' Licences		58	67	98	85	96
Ground Engineers' Licences	565	1,790	1,757	1,747	1,754	1,758
Aerodromes—						
Government	71	186	198	183	183	190
Public	213	260	262	304	302	302
Flying Boat Bases and Alighting Areas	11	15	16	13	13	13

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Nine months ended 31st March.	
					1955.	1956.

REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Hours flown	No.	60,733	237,640	251,019	257,787	195,806	187,465
Miles flown	'000.	7,930	39,059	41,014	43,513	32,632	33,126
Paying passengers	No.	94,174	1,706,440	1,772,357	1,918,125	1,428,857	1,585,534
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	35,569	667,321	702,139	765,652	572,128	628,040
Freight—							
Tons (d)		712	57,635	69,479	78,711	58,801	64,895
Ton-miles (d)	'000.	(e)	27,167	32,650	36,984	27,668	29,598
Mail—							
Tons (d)		(f) 82	2,311	2,316	2,317	1,787	1,874
Ton-miles (d)	'000.	(e)	1,166	1,225	1,257	963	1,038

OVERSEA SERVICES.(g)

Unduplicated route miles	No.	(h) 5,989	(h) 66,558	(h) 64,250	(h) 63,774	59,159	55,511
Hours flown		12,677	54,148	53,580	49,326	37,278	37,819
Miles flown	'000.	1,735	11,565	11,464	11,128	8,318	8,365
Paying passengers	No.	5,337	97,753	102,965	114,371	85,722	98,637
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	7,332	275,206	290,603	317,565	233,161	278,706
Freight—							
Tons (d)			1,957	2,295	2,662	1,973	2,240
Ton-miles (d)	'000.	(e)	7,401	8,331	9,372	6,863	7,914
Mail—							
Tons (d)		(f) 277	1,168	1,379	1,442	1,107	1,118
Ton-miles (d)	'000.	(e)	6,122	7,718	7,927	6,049	6,273

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT(j) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.

Number		(e)	16	26	22	18	24
Persons Killed		38	5	36	27	18	18
Persons Injured		15	19	27	19	16	22

(a) Not available. (b) Navigators' licences. (c) Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators only.
 (d) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (e) Not available. (f) Net weight. (g) Airlines wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests. (h) At 30th June. (i) At 31st March.
 (j) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 46, on pages 55-76. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included on pages 37-43 of that Bulletin.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.

(Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Lines connected ..	487,535	985,383	1,049,626	1,127,386	1,206,625
Instruments connected ..	661,996	1,383,702	1,475,513	1,587,082	1,703,622

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES.

(Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
„ „ 1951(c) ..	753,758	586,393	288,019	244,311	159,436	77,743	2,109,660
„ „ 1952 ..	741,355	520,364	279,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
„ „ 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
„ „ 1954 ..	769,478	545,148	287,683	220,065	148,192	71,047	2,041,618
„ „ 1955 ..	746,050	549,690	293,542	223,593	150,199	71,602	2,034,676
„ „ 1956 ..	776,284	554,339	301,371	228,625	153,445	74,729	2,088,793

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Includes

separate licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(a)

(Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Accidents Reported.	Accidents involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
			Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1955.								
New South Wales ..	19,478	6,644	404	116	56	8,560	2,451	1,180
Victoria ..	7,251	5,130	264	105	41	6,624	2,622	1,036
Queensland ..	13,294	3,698	149	111	47	4,732	3,524	1,505
South Australia ..	6,832	1,552	89	109	38	1,984	2,419	853
Western Australia ..	5,844	1,653	92	140	55	2,109	3,202	1,250
Tasmania ..	1,182	415	31	98	42	501	1,585	675
Australian Capital Territory ..	175	71	5	154	54	107	3,301	1,165
Total ..	54,056	19,163	1,034	112	48	24,617	2,674	1,138
Year 1954-55(b) ..	97,758	36,602	2,042	225	995	46,465	5,121	2,264
„ 1953-54(b) ..	87,224	35,523	1,976	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377
„ 1952-53(b) ..	75,295	31,635	1,856	213	101	39,405	4,513	2,147
„ 1951-52(b) ..	68,110	31,144	2,054	241	116	38,376	4,502	2,174

(a) Refers to those accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August, 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (b) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a)
('000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)	
MALES.											
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6	
1954—June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	128.4	198.3	176.6	
1955—June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1	
1956—June	604.8	1,421.1	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2	
1955—Jan.	585.8	1,382.3	1,968.1	57.4	703.9	201.8	303.3	130.1	206.6	178.6	
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	57.5	707.1	203.6	304.4	129.6	207.2	180.7	
March	592.3	1,393.9	1,986.2	57.6	709.7	206.2	306.2	129.6	207.7	181.9	
April	595.3	1,395.5	1,990.8	57.8	711.4	208.5	306.5	129.2	207.6	182.1	
May	596.9	1,398.5	1,995.4	57.9	713.5	210.5	307.7	129.4	207.0	181.5	
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1	
1956—Jan.(e)	595.3	1,395.4	1,990.7	57.2	718.9	207.1	288.4	131.4	212.6	184.6	
Feb.	597.5	1,421.3	2,018.8	56.6	721.8	210.7	308.6	130.2	213.6	186.6	
March	598.9	1,421.2	2,020.1	56.5	722.4	209.6	308.2	130.5	214.3	188.0	
April	601.1	1,424.3	2,025.4	56.8	723.9	211.9	310.7	130.1	213.8	187.4	
May	603.6	1,424.5	2,028.1	57.1	723.1	214.2	311.2	130.1	213.6	187.5	
June	604.8	1,421.1	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2	
FEMALES.											
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0	
1954—June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	218.7	
1955—June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1	
1956—June	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5	
1955—Jan.	116.2	608.0	724.2	1.0	223.4	4.8	37.6	120.3	80.5	221.5	
Feb.	119.3	613.5	732.8	1.0	226.8	4.8	38.0	119.5	82.3	224.8	
March	121.3	616.2	737.5	1.1	228.0	4.8	38.1	119.6	83.0	227.3	
April	121.4	614.6	736.0	1.1	225.3	4.8	38.1	120.3	83.0	227.7	
May	121.8	615.4	737.2	1.1	224.8	4.8	38.2	121.6	83.0	227.9	
June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1	
1956—Jan.	123.9	628.3	752.2	1.1	226.7	4.9	39.5	125.9	86.2	231.8	
Feb.	127.3	632.1	759.4	1.1	231.7	5.0	39.9	123.3	88.1	234.0	
March	128.7	633.5	762.2	1.1	230.8	5.0	40.0	123.2	89.0	236.7	
April	129.3	631.0	760.3	1.2	229.4	5.0	40.1	122.7	88.6	236.9	
May	129.7	630.9	760.6	1.2	228.8	5.1	40.2	123.3	88.5	236.9	
June	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5	
PERSONS.											
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6	
1954—June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	395.3	
1955—June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2	
1956—June	734.6	2,050.2	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7	
1955—Jan.	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	58.4	927.3	206.6	340.9	250.4	287.1	400.1	
Feb.	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	58.5	933.9	208.4	342.4	249.1	289.5	405.5	
March	713.6	2,010.1	2,723.7	58.7	937.7	211.0	344.3	249.2	290.7	409.2	
April	716.7	2,010.1	2,726.8	58.9	936.7	213.3	344.6	249.5	290.6	409.8	
May	718.7	2,013.9	2,732.6	59.0	938.3	215.3	345.9	251.0	290.0	409.4	
June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2	
1956—Jan.(e)	719.2	2,023.7	2,742.9	58.3	945.6	212.0	327.9	257.3	298.8	416.4	
Feb.	724.8	2,053.4	2,778.2	57.7	953.5	215.7	348.5	253.5	301.7	420.6	
March	727.6	2,054.7	2,782.3	57.6	953.2	214.6	348.2	253.7	303.3	424.7	
April	730.4	2,055.3	2,785.7	58.0	953.3	216.9	350.8	252.8	302.4	424.3	
May	733.3	2,055.4	2,788.7	58.3	951.9	219.3	351.4	253.4	302.1	424.4	
June	734.6	2,050.2	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7	

(a) Employees in the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)
(’000.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1952—June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June ..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,886.8
1954—June ..	758.1	539.7	263.7	176.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
1955—June ..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
1956—June ..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
1955—Jan. ..	767.8	549.2	260.9	177.5	135.3	64.1	4.9	8.4	1,968.1
Feb. ..	772.7	550.3	264.4	177.5	135.2	64.0	4.8	8.5	1,977.4
March ..	775.9	552.7	266.2	177.9	136.1	64.3	4.7	8.4	1,986.2
April ..	776.0	554.0	268.2	178.6	136.3	64.4	4.7	8.6	1,990.8
May ..	777.3	555.4	270.0	178.7	136.1	64.4	4.8	8.7	1,995.4
June ..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
1956—Jan.(b) ..	777.3	557.8	263.6	180.4	135.1	62.7	4.9	8.9	1,990.7
Feb. ..	786.7	563.0	270.5	183.0	137.6	64.3	4.8	8.9	2,018.8
March ..	785.8	564.2	270.8	183.8	137.6	64.3	4.8	8.8	2,020.1
April ..	787.8	565.0	273.2	184.4	136.9	64.7	4.9	8.5	2,025.4
May ..	788.6	565.2	274.7	184.9	136.2	65.0	5.0	8.5	2,028.1
June ..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1952—June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June ..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1954—June ..	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
1955—June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
1956—June ..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
1955—Jan. ..	287.8	222.3	87.3	59.2	42.8	21.2	0.9	2.7	724.2
Feb. ..	291.5	224.4	88.6	59.8	43.8	21.1	0.9	2.7	732.8
March ..	292.4	227.0	88.4	60.5	44.0	21.5	0.9	2.8	737.5
April ..	292.1	225.5	88.4	60.5	43.9	21.8	0.9	2.9	736.0
May ..	293.1	225.1	89.2	60.2	43.9	21.8	1.0	2.9	737.2
June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
1956—Jan. ..	298.5	229.6	90.2	64.0	43.7	22.2	1.1	2.9	752.2
Feb. ..	300.9	233.0	90.9	63.7	44.6	22.2	1.0	3.1	759.4
March ..	301.1	234.7	91.3	63.7	44.7	22.7	1.0	3.0	762.2
April ..	300.4	233.8	90.6	63.6	44.8	23.0	1.1	3.0	760.3
May ..	300.7	233.4	91.0	63.3	45.0	23.0	1.1	3.1	760.6
June ..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1952—June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.5
1954—June ..	1,037.6	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	83.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
1955—June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1956—June ..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8
1955—Jan. ..	1,055.6	771.5	348.2	236.7	178.1	85.3	5.8	11.1	2,692.3
Feb. ..	1,064.2	774.7	353.0	237.3	179.0	85.1	5.7	11.2	2,710.2
March ..	1,068.3	779.7	354.6	238.4	180.1	85.8	5.6	11.2	2,723.7
April ..	1,068.1	779.5	356.6	239.1	180.2	86.2	5.6	11.5	2,726.8
May ..	1,070.4	780.5	359.2	238.9	180.0	86.2	5.8	11.6	2,732.6
June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1956—Jan.(b) ..	1,075.8	787.4	353.8	244.4	178.8	84.9	6.0	11.8	2,742.9
Feb. ..	1,087.6	796.0	361.4	246.7	182.2	86.5	5.8	12.0	2,778.2
March ..	1,086.9	798.9	362.1	247.5	182.3	87.0	5.8	11.8	2,782.3
April ..	1,088.2	798.8	363.8	248.0	181.7	87.7	6.0	11.5	2,785.7
May ..	1,089.3	798.6	365.7	248.2	181.2	88.0	6.1	11.6	2,788.7
June ..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.
(b) Affected by industrial disputes. See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (a)
1938-39(b) ..	'000. 219.5	'000. 193.9	'000. 51.5	'000. 42.0	'000. 22.1	'000. 13.2	'000. 391.8	'000. 150.4	'000. 542.2	1,031	1,022
1951-52(b)(c) ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.9	22.0	672.4	223.0	895.4	1,703	1,369
1952-53(b)(c) ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268
1953-54(b)(c) ..	369.6	296.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6	1,703	1,312
1954-55(b)(c) ..	384.0	308.5	87.1	85.1	41.3	23.0	704.9	224.1	929.0	1,767	1,334
1955-56(b)(c) ..	391.5	315.6	87.8	87.0	41.8	24.3	719.8	228.2	948.0	1,803	1,328
1954-55—											
April ..	386.9	311.2	86.4	86.5	41.9	23.8	711.4	225.3	936.7	1,782	1,336
May ..	388.0	310.7	88.0	85.8	42.0	23.8	713.5	224.8	938.3	1,785	1,335
June ..	388.2	311.6	88.9	85.7	41.8	23.6	714.5	225.3	939.8	1,787	1,335
1955-56—											
July(d) ..	386.3	310.2	89.8	85.7	41.5	23.1	712.2	224.4	936.6	1,781	1,327
August ..	389.7	312.1	89.7	85.5	41.7	23.1	716.2	225.6	941.8	1,791	1,333
September ..	390.2	312.9	90.0	86.0	42.0	23.2	717.4	226.9	944.3	1,796	1,333
October ..	391.7	314.5	90.0	86.0	41.9	23.3	718.7	228.7	947.4	1,802	1,335
November ..	393.3	315.6	90.2	86.4	42.2	23.5	722.4	228.8	951.2	1,809	1,338
December ..	392.3	314.8	85.0	87.3	42.3	24.4	718.5	227.6	946.1	1,800	1,328
January(d) ..	391.1	315.5	83.4	88.7	42.1	24.8	718.9	226.7	945.6	1,799	1,324
February ..	394.2	318.9	85.4	88.3	42.0	24.7	721.8	231.7	953.5	1,814	1,332
March ..	392.5	319.6	86.0	88.6	41.7	24.8	722.4	230.8	953.2	1,813	1,328
April ..	393.1	318.5	87.0	87.8	41.5	25.4	723.9	229.4	953.3	1,813	1,326
May ..	392.4	317.5	88.1	87.1	41.3	25.5	723.1	228.8	951.9	1,810	1,321
June ..	391.6	316.6	89.5	86.4	41.0	25.4	722.2	228.3	950.5	1,808	1,318

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.
monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) From July, 1948

(d) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1951-52(c) ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53(c) ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54(c) ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55(c) ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1955-56(c) ..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7
1954-55—									
April ..	95.9	70.0	31.0	24.5	19.7	7.8	129.2	120.3	249.5
May ..	96.5	70.3	31.3	24.6	19.7	7.8	129.4	121.6	251.0
June ..	95.7	71.0	31.3	24.6	19.8	7.8	129.2	121.6	250.8
1955-56—									
July ..	96.1	70.0	31.5	24.7	19.7	7.9	128.8	121.7	250.5
August ..	95.9	70.2	31.3	24.6	19.6	7.8	128.8	121.3	250.1
September ..	96.1	70.6	31.3	24.9	19.6	7.8	128.9	122.1	251.0
October ..	96.5	71.2	31.6	25.1	19.7	7.9	129.5	123.3	252.8
November ..	100.6	73.0	32.5	25.7	20.0	8.1	131.9	128.8	260.7
December ..	106.0	73.5	32.5	26.3	20.5	8.3	135.6	132.3	267.9
January ..	98.0	72.3	32.1	25.9	20.2	8.0	131.4	125.9	257.3
February ..	96.6	71.2	31.4	25.7	19.9	8.0	130.2	123.3	253.5
March ..	97.2	71.2	31.5	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	123.2	253.7
April ..	96.3	71.2	31.6	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.1	122.7	252.8
May ..	96.5	71.3	31.7	25.4	19.7	8.0	130.1	123.3	253.4
June ..	96.0	71.6	31.9	25.2	19.6	7.8	129.9	122.9	252.8

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Average of monthly figures.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.^(a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 78.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1949-50 ..	10,728	128	1,578	326	267	30	..	..	13,057
1950-51 ..	293	90	320	6	60	15	..	..	784
1951-52 ..	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	..	2,391
1952-53 ..	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	..	29,510
1953-54 ..	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223	..	..	13,812
1954-55 ..	1,523	576	1,459	66	157	86	..	4	3,871
1955-56 ..	1,344	447	1,544	77	473	58	..	5	3,948
Quarter ended—									
June, 1954	3,108	1,196	2,473	79	231	94	..	..	7,181
September, "	2,363	1,025	1,137	88	172	138	..	3	4,926
December, "	1,333	563	908	63	117	111	..	4	3,099
March, 1955	1,300	399	2,259	60	162	53	..	4	4,237
June, "	1,095	318	1,532	54	178	40	1	3	3,221
September, "	943	347	621	50	255	72	..	2	2,290
December, "	719	301	572	45	240	70	..	1	1,948
March, 1956	1,667	359	2,991	62	441	43	..	3	5,566
June, "	2,093	793	2,068	154	972	46	1	15	6,142

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1949-50 ..	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390	..	..	7,552
1950-51 ..	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317	..	..	7,125
1951-52 ..	2,593	1,584	935	695	461	218	..	..	6,486
1952-53 ..	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	..	7,054
1953-54 ..	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	..	7,967
1954-55 ..	3,337	1,994	1,284	645	459	231	5	12	7,967
1955-56 ..	3,110	1,695	1,189	637	428	229	4	11	7,303
Quarter ended—									
June, 1954	3,262	1,916	1,239	658	454	223	..	..	7,752
September, "	3,564	2,095	1,258	696	485	252	4	12	8,366
December, "	3,382	2,046	1,337	676	452	241	6	12	8,152
March, 1955	3,163	1,900	1,284	602	454	221	5	12	7,641
June, "	3,238	1,936	1,258	607	445	208	5	13	7,710
September, "	3,321	1,972	1,245	673	455	230	3	12	7,911
December, "	3,083	1,671	1,205	641	415	248	3	10	7,276
March, 1956	2,974	1,551	1,170	596	421	213	3	10	6,938
June, "	3,062	1,589	1,135	638	422	227	6	11	7,090

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving Special Benefits at end of each week were:—1949-50, 877; 1950-51, 863; 1951-52, 987; 1952-53, 1,372; 1953-54, 1,859; 1954-55, 1,966, and 1955-56, 1,984.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954

(c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)—STATES.

Period.	Dis- putes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1955(b) ..	1,072	260,353	13,678	274,031	672,714	611	673,325	2,230,935
1955—June Qtr.	265	59,579	3,840	63,419	120,592	12,033	132,625	436,186
Sept. "	308	78,126	3,967	82,093	262,719	46,440	309,159	994,182
Dec. "	242	59,479	168	59,647	92,108	13,652	105,760	378,919
1956—Mar. " (c)	240	86,112	3,835	89,947	271,707	8,545	280,252	1,018,644
June "	195	52,166	736	52,902	100,793	28,042	128,835	511,345
VICTORIA.								
Year—1955(b) ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	136,771	1,736	138,507	435,356
1955—June Qtr.	21	12,546	1,014	13,560	20,277	198	20,475	64,738
Sept. "	9	3,888	265	4,153	58,682	19,656	78,338	239,735
Dec. "	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	..	18,355	67,962
1956—Mar. " (c)	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,405	140	85,545	301,665
June "	7	5,287	110	5,397	5,726	4,388	10,114	33,475
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1955 ..	274	83,026	3,626	86,652	99,318	..	99,318	328,046
1955—June Qtr.	60	9,225	147	9,372	12,160	6,108	18,268	63,305
Sept. "	82	19,279	876	20,155	24,063	1,636	25,699	85,853
Dec. "	65	38,383	912	39,295	29,667	1,852	31,519	99,991
1956—Mar. "	61	53,979	233	54,212	123,991	..	123,991	418,799
June "	60	16,888	644	17,532	35,381	716	36,097	116,561
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1955 ..	43	23,969	129	24,098	66,881	..	66,881	203,182
1955—June Qtr.	14	6,479	..	6,479	4,018	2,264	6,282	18,805
Sept. "	9	4,056	46	4,102	34,693	7,250	41,943	121,692
Dec. "	6	6,036	..	6,036	8,739	..	8,739	30,615
1956—Mar. "	5	4,357	..	4,357	39,374	..	39,374	137,792
June "	7	4,698	..	4,698	6,155	..	6,155	22,365
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1955 ..	16	9,504	345	9,849	9,582	..	9,582	32,704
1955—June Qtr.	3	2,800	..	2,800	2,173	..	2,173	7,605
Sept. "	4	1,477	177	1,654	1,563	..	1,563	5,135
Dec. "	7	3,684	168	3,852	4,611	..	4,611	15,671
1956—Mar. "	4	3,828	1,220	5,048	28,567	..	28,567	99,839
June "	1	2,039	..	2,039	564	..	564	1,973
TASMANIA.								
Year—1955 ..	48	13,204	240	13,444	20,387	..	20,387	70,927
1955—June Qtr.	11	3,284	223	3,507	6,838	..	6,838	23,653
Sept. "	13	3,956	..	3,956	6,119	2,148	8,267	29,004
Dec. "	11	3,113	..	3,113	3,053	..	3,053	10,668
1956—Mar. "	14	6,922	..	6,922	23,745	..	23,745	83,060
June "	9	2,996	..	2,996	2,588	549	3,137	11,104
AUSTRALIA.(d)								
Year—1955(b) ..	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,008,537	2,347	1,010,884	3,310,321
1955—June Qtr.	378	94,149	5,224	99,373	166,129	20,827	186,956	615,229
Sept. "	426	110,798	5,331	116,129	387,983	77,130	465,113	1,476,221
Dec. "	345	119,294	1,432	120,726	156,946	15,504	172,450	605,251
1956—Mar. " (c)	352	172,149	6,605	178,754	574,434	8,685	583,119	2,065,558
June "	283	84,560	1,490	86,050	152,367	33,695	186,062	700,884

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1954. (c) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1955. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK) : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA. (a)

Period.	Manu- facturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land and Sea. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.
			(I) Coal- mining.	(II) Other Mining.			
NUMBER.							
1951	142	25	912	4	242	19	1,344
1952	164	27	1,219	7	202	8	1,627
1953	143	41	944	6	311	14	1,459
1954	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490
1955	277	72	777	8	377	21	1,532
1955—							
June Qtr. ..	67	11	200	1	97	2	378
Sept. " ..	64	25	240	..	92	5	426
Dec. " ..	67	16	166	1	85	10	345
1956—							
March " ..	52	30	172	..	93	5	352
June " ..	38	21	143	2	70	9	283

WORKERS INVOLVED.

1951	71,606	3,667	172,732	2,843	156,608	1,136	408,592
1952	157,870	1,862	193,066	4,769	145,033	3,134	505,734
1953	155,249	8,417	147,791	3,020	179,786	1,783	496,046
1954	57,010	6,925	155,630	494	145,521	4,494	370,074
1955	87,295	22,297	135,543	1,105	191,595	6,812	444,647
1955—							
June Qtr. ..	15,904	7,780	31,430	537	42,262	1,460	99,373
Sept. " ..	27,179	2,950	49,014	..	35,014	1,972	116,129
Dec. " ..	15,634	3,214	34,101	14	65,171	2,592	120,726
1956—							
March " ..	23,306	3,790	54,976	..	96,289	393	178,754
June " ..	5,682	4,478	21,040	6,058	41,718	7,074	86,050

WORKING DAYS LOST.

1951	307,173	23,750	336,447	36,255	165,437	3,912	872,974
1952	572,169	20,079	286,749	19,743	261,109	3,655	1,163,504
1953	351,722	67,506	378,715	18,956	222,564	11,367	1,050,830
1954	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,720	352,311	9,361	901,639
1955	493,075	69,443	225,336	9,106	188,532	25,392	1,010,884
1955—							
June Qtr. ..	62,147	16,139	56,151	4,833	43,306	4,380	186,956
Sept. " ..	327,237	16,435	77,236	2,148	36,901	5,156	465,113
Dec. " ..	33,785	10,147	58,418	28	58,549	11,523	172,450
1956—							
March " ..	136,751	20,079	78,345	..	346,561	1,383	583,119
June " ..	70,391	28,551	33,040	6,290	33,232	14,558	186,062

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES. (£.)

1951	752,319	59,961	863,928	189,200	382,435	8,185	2,256,028
1952	1,593,902	56,034	932,480	94,743	752,124	10,567	3,439,850
1953	1,023,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,486	703,537	39,653	3,337,437
1954	767,051	115,972	862,384	41,265	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211
1955	1,533,880	234,596	789,322	31,661	641,604	79,258	3,310,321
1955—							
June Qtr. ..	192,999	44,739	204,499	16,812	144,680	11,500	615,229
Sept. " ..	1,007,903	52,160	264,701	7,468	128,973	15,016	1,476,221
Dec. " ..	117,835	40,647	205,360	140	199,477	41,792	605,251
1956—							
March " ..	521,551	69,105	272,746	..	1,198,900	3,256	2,065,558
June " ..	271,546	115,847	109,255	36,400	121,104	46,732	700,884

(a) See notes on page 97.

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.

1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 380
1951	225	156	128	137	152	101	17	29	(a) 359
1952	223	159	129	139	151	98	15	31	(a) 360
1953	224	159	129	138	152	98	18	28	(a) 365
1954	228	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	(a) 371
1955	235	160	130	138	154	101	20	32	(a) 372

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1951	678,338	433,407	277,037	140,067	105,507	47,413	2,764	5,738	1,690,271
1952	649,163	416,349	274,908	137,495	105,462	46,948	2,340	4,877	1,637,542
1953	665,737	424,428	285,718	140,154	107,642	48,293	2,535	5,251	1,679,758
1954	732,737	433,891	305,304	147,555	109,589	50,290	2,168	5,970	1,787,504
1955	731,960	446,372	305,509	146,422	111,959	51,401	2,440	5,799	1,801,862

(a) Without interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
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AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID.
(£'000.)

1951-52	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56	..	18,955	13,353	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1954-55—								
June	Qtr.	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108
1955-56—								
September	Qtr.	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December	..	19,682	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March	..	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June	..	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(c)
(£.)

1951-52	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56	..	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1954-55—								
June	Qtr.	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
1955-56—								
September	Qtr.	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December	..	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March	..	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June	..	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

**WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES
PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th JUNE, 1956.(a)**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c...	Weekly Wage	314/10	299/11	280/3	295/2	308/7	305/8	302/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/10½	7/6	7/0	7/4½	7/8½	7/7½	7/7
II. Engineering Works, &c. Metal	Weekly Wage	301/0	293/10	291/2	289/4	309/4	308/2	297/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/6½	7/4½	7/2½	7/2½	7/8½	7/8½	7/5
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	303/4	308/0	278/4	299/11	299/9	318/5	299/10
	Working Hours	40.00	39.93	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	7/7	7/8½	6/11½	7/6	7/6	7/11½	7/6
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	290/11	292/6	298/2	298/2	302/5	290/2	293/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/3½	7/3½	7/5½	7/5½	7/6½	7/3	7/4
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	347/7	342/9	325/0	328/9	357/8	345/10	342/3
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	37.69	40.00	39.72
	Hourly Wage	8/8½	8/8	8/1½	8/2½	9/5½	8/7½	8/7½
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	305/2	296/5	275/3	296/0	299/5	311/5	298/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/7½	7/5	6/10½	7/4½	7/5½	7/9½	7/5½
VII. Building ..	Weekly Wage	345/5	330/8	315/5	314/1	324/6	325/11	332/7
	Working Hours	39.94	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.98
	Hourly Wage	8/7½	8/3½	7/10½	7/10½	8/1½	8/1½	8/3½
VIII. Mining (c) ..	Weekly Wage	309/9	307/10	292/11	282/1	322/6	301/5	307/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.15	40.00	39.69
	Hourly Wage	7/9	7/8½	7/4	7/0½	8/5½	7/6½	7/9
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	318/1	314/4	297/6	293/3	301/0	325/10	310/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/11½	7/10½	7/5½	7/4	7/6½	8/1½	7/9
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	298/1	284/10	271/10	279/10	298/5	293/6	289/2
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/5½	7/1½	6/9½	7/0	7/5½	7/4	7/2½
XI. Shipping, &c.(d)(e) ..	Weekly Wage	319/10	322/4	318/6	319/11	320/3	321/4	320/3
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.(f)	Weekly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	289/5	287/7	254/7	266/8	277/11	280/3	281/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/2½	7/2½	6/4½	6/8	6/11½	7/0	7/0½
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	298/4	296/4	267/5	273/3	290/4	291/8	290/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	7/5½	7/5	6/8½	6/10	7/3	7/3½	7/3½
All Groups (g)	Weekly Wage	317/4	307/1	292/3	295/1	309/1	317/6	308/6
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	307/8	302/8	282/2	287/7	305/6	303/1	300/10
	Working Hours	39.99	39.98	40.00	40.00	39.51	40.00	39.95
	Hourly Wage	7/8½	7/6½	7/0½	7/2½	7/8½	7/7	7/6½

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (f) Not available. (g) For June, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage and index number have been calculated by applying, to the December, 1955 "All Groups" average weekly wage, the percentage movement as shown by the average weekly wage for "All Groups excluding XI. and XII." from December, 1955 to June, 1956.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th JUNE, 1956. (a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	204/11	208/5	181/3	207/5	178/8	207/2	204/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/1½	5/2½	4/6½	5/2½	4/5½	5/2½	5/1½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	203/4	204/3	207/9	207/9	208/10	206/11	204/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/1	5/1½	5/2½	5/2½	5/2½	5/2	5/1½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	217/5	210/0	198/4	215/8	..	208/0	212/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/5½	5/3	4/11½	5/4½	..	5/2½	5/3½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c... ..	Weekly Wage	202/2	213/7	179/1	204/4	189/8	208/0	200/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/0½	5/4	4/5½	5/1½	4/9	5/2½	5/0½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	229/0	248/0	203/5	207/3	..	..	230/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/8½	6/2½	5/1	5/2½	..	..	5/9
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	210/5	214/5	198/2	207/5	198/10	207/4	209/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/3½	5/4½	4/11½	5/2½	4/11½	5/2½	5/3

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS. (a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1939	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1952	284 8	274 5	267 9	274 6	284 7	276 2	278 2
" " 1953	296 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
" " 1954	298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	293 3	299 2	290 0
" " 1955	310 1	296 7	284 11	284 9	304 9	302 7	300 0
30th June, 1956(c)	317 4	307 1	292 3	295 1	309 1	317 6	308 6

ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE: 51s. 3d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1952	5,555	5,354	5,224	5,356	5,553	5,388	5,428
" " 1953	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,611
" " 1954	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
" " 1955	6,051	5,787	5,559	5,555	5,946	5,905	5,853
30th June, 1956(c)	6,192	5,991	5,702	5,758	6,030	6,196	6,019

ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1939	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1952	193 11	196 2	184 4	195 8	186 0	191 2	193 5
" " 1953	198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 11
" " 1954	198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	190 5	196 7	197 11
" " 1955	205 3	206 9	192 10	199 11	193 7	197 11	203 4
30th June, 1956	210 5	214 5	198 2	207 5	198 10	207 4	209 9

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (b) IN 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1952	7,138	7,220	6,784	7,202	6,846	7,037	7,120
" " 1953	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285
" " 1954	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
" " 1955	7,554	7,608	7,098	7,358	7,125	7,284	7,483
30th June, 1956	7,745	7,891	7,293	7,635	7,319	7,630	7,721

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) See note (g) on previous page.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.^(a)

Date Operative.	Sydney	Mel-bourne.	Bris-bane.	Adel-aide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
December, 1946	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
" 1948	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
" 1949	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
" 1950	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
June, 1956(c)	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards. (c) On the 25th May, 1956, following the Basic Wage Inquiry, 1956, the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced its decision to increase the basic wage for an adult male by 10s. per week, and rejected the claim for restoration of the system of automatic quarterly adjustments.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	February, 1956.			May, 1956.		
	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.
	(a)	s. d.	s. d.	(a)	s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales(b)—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Feb., 1956	255 0	191 0	May, 1956	256 0	192 0
Broken Hill	Feb., 1956	256 0	192 0	May, 1956	256 0	192 0
Victoria(c)	Feb., 1956	251 0	188 0	May, 1956	256 0	192 0
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane ..	24.10.55	229 0	154 0	23.4.56	233 0	157 0
Southern Division (Western District)	24.10.55	236 4	157 8	23.4.56	240 4	160 8
Mackay Division	24.10.55	234 6	156 9	23.4.56	238 6	159 9
Northern Division (Eastern District)	24.10.55	239 0	159 0	23.4.56	243 0	162 0
Northern Division (Western District)	24.10.55	246 4	162 8	23.4.56	250 4	165 8
South Australia(e)	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area	31.1.56	253 8	164 11	23.4.56	257 1	167 1
South-West Land Division ..	31.1.56	253 11	165 0	23.4.56	253 11	165 0
Goldfield and other areas ..	31.1.56	255 11	166 4	23.4.56	255 11	166 4
Tasmania(g)	Feb., 1956	259 0	194 3	May, 1956	268 0	201 0

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown. (b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 12th September, 1953 (following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration) until the first pay-period in November, 1955 when it was reintroduced by an amendment to the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage and Standard Hours) Act assented to on 4th November, 1955.

(c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne). The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (d) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the "C" Series Retail Price Index numbers. (e) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. Prior to the discontinuance of automatic quarterly adjustments the "living wage" was subject to quarterly variation in accordance with the automatic quarterly adjustment to the Commonwealth basic wage for Adelaide. (f) The Western Australian Court of Arbitration each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the cost of living statements prepared by the Government Statistician. (g) None declared, but Commonwealth basic wage (Hobart) is commonly adopted by Wages Boards. Commencing first pay period February, 1956, Wages Boards reintroduced automatic quarterly adjustments based on movements in "C" Series retail price index numbers and increased rate to that payable if quarterly adjustments had not been discontinued by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in September, 1953.

Section XI.—Prices.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, see 1954 Labour Report, pages 8-15.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index : Year 1952-53=100.)

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	Year ended June, 1955.	Year ended June, 1956.	1955.			1956.	
						June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.
GROUP I.—FOOD.										
Sydney ..	89.9	100.0	102.4	103.6	109.0	105.1	106.5	107.2	109.1	113.4
Melbourne ..	89.1	100.0	104.6	104.3	112.9	106.2	110.1	111.5	112.6	117.2
Brisbane ..	90.1	100.0	104.1	104.2	108.1	106.0	106.8	105.6	108.7	111.1
Adelaide ..	90.5	100.0	103.5	106.2	111.1	108.2	109.2	109.7	110.1	115.2
Perth ..	87.0	100.0	106.3	109.5	111.3	111.2	109.6	109.8	112.0	113.9
Hobart ..	86.8	100.0	107.7	106.8	113.6	108.7	110.5	113.4	114.7	115.8
Six Capitals(a)	89.4	100.0	103.7	104.6	110.6	106.4	108.2	109.0	110.6	114.5
GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.										
Sydney ..	93.6	100.0	101.7	102.3	103.0	102.8	103.0	103.1	102.8	103.1
Melbourne ..	93.4	100.0	101.3	102.2	103.9	103.6	103.8	103.9	104.0	104.0
Brisbane ..	94.6	100.0	101.7	102.9	103.3	103.8	103.5	103.2	103.1	103.2
Adelaide ..	93.9	100.0	102.2	102.9	102.9	103.9	102.8	103.3	103.1	102.5
Perth ..	95.5	100.0	100.9	101.6	103.0	102.7	102.7	103.1	103.0	103.3
Hobart ..	94.7	100.0	102.6	103.1	104.6	103.7	103.9	104.4	104.5	105.4
Six Capitals(a)	93.8	100.0	101.6	102.4	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.4	103.3	103.4
GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.)										
Sydney ..	87.7	100.0	107.7	109.5	111.3	109.7	110.6	111.1	111.7	112.0
Melbourne ..	99.6	100.0	100.8	102.3	111.9	102.3	102.7	102.9	120.7	121.3
Brisbane ..	97.7	100.0	102.9	105.2	107.0	105.7	106.4	106.4	107.3	107.8
Adelaide ..	86.0	100.0	102.7	105.6	114.9	109.3	112.1	113.6	116.1	118.0
Perth ..	94.4	100.0	110.8	149.6	159.1	153.1	154.9	157.0	160.4	164.1
Hobart ..	91.4	100.0	108.8	109.4	126.1	109.5	109.5	110.3	139.4	145.2
Six Capitals(a)	92.6	100.0	105.0	109.6	115.5	110.5	111.4	112.0	118.8	119.7
GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)										
Sydney ..	93.6	100.0	100.5	100.9	103.6	100.9	101.5	103.2	103.6	106.2
Melbourne ..	88.7	100.0	100.9	101.3	109.6	101.8	102.9	110.1	110.7	114.6
Brisbane ..	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.5	110.1	104.9	106.0	109.6	110.0	114.7
Adelaide ..	90.2	100.0	99.3	99.9	103.7	101.7	102.7	102.7	102.8	106.6
Perth ..	89.6	100.0	100.8	101.9	106.4	103.3	104.5	105.1	106.2	109.9
Hobart ..	89.0	100.0	108.2	105.1	110.3	105.5	108.9	109.0	109.9	113.5
Six Capitals(a)	91.3	100.0	100.9	101.4	106.4	101.9	102.8	106.2	106.7	110.1
ALL GROUPS.										
Sydney ..	91.7	100.0	102.2	103.1	106.1	103.8	104.6	105.4	106.2	108.5
Melbourne ..	91.0	100.0	102.4	102.7	109.5	104.0	105.8	108.3	110.4	113.3
Brisbane ..	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.0	107.1	105.1	105.6	106.0	107.3	109.5
Adelaide ..	90.9	100.0	102.0	103.6	107.2	105.4	106.0	106.4	106.8	109.7
Perth ..	90.7	100.0	103.9	109.6	112.7	111.2	111.1	111.6	113.1	115.2
Hobart ..	89.9	100.0	106.6	105.6	111.5	106.6	108.2	109.6	113.0	115.1
Six Capitals(a)	91.4	100.0	102.5	103.6	108.0	104.7	105.7	107.0	108.3	110.8

(a) Weighted Average. (b) See note (b) on page 107. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission; Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of rent, food and groceries, &c., since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1955.			1956.	
							June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.
GROUP I. FOOD AND GROCERIES.											
Sydney	904	2,099	2,654	2,711	2,721	2,871	2,835	2,907	2,936	2,986	3,128
Melbourne	884	2,088	2,509	2,684	2,687	2,854	2,769	2,926	2,994	3,002	3,148
Brisbane	838	1,823	2,328	2,413	2,451	2,526	2,518	2,553	2,530	2,628	2,684
Adelaide	861	1,931	2,380	2,444	2,525	2,657	2,642	2,677	2,712	2,700	2,847
Perth	899	1,963	2,359	2,608	2,802	2,868	2,905	2,870	2,878	2,937	3,000
Hobart	880	1,992	2,487	2,803	2,797	2,925	2,874	2,944	3,052	3,076	3,102
Six Capitals(a) ..	886	2,041	2,526	2,641	2,671	2,811	2,770	2,854	2,891	2,926	3,054

GROUP II.—RENT (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.

Sydney	1,004	1,053	1,118	1,276	1,324	1,338	1,332	1,342	1,348	1,355	1,359
Melbourne	935	980	984	988	998	1,008	1,006	1,010	1,011	1,186	1,192
Brisbane	841	934	958	981	1,010	1,027	1,024	1,031	1,031	1,040	1,044
Adelaide	868	949	1,055	1,155	1,174	1,247	1,239	1,271	1,288	1,316	1,338
Perth	872	1,065	1,185	1,205	1,602	1,843	1,837	1,858	1,880	1,920	1,962
Hobart	913	1,048	1,079	1,249	1,271	1,275	1,272	1,272	1,282	1,619	1,684
Six Capitals(a) ..	942	1,009	1,057	1,138	1,192	1,226	1,222	1,232	1,238	1,310	1,320

GROUP III.—CLOTHING.

Sydney	833	2,806	3,116	3,273	3,263	3,268	3,267	3,276	3,279	3,267	3,279
Melbourne	820	2,697	3,085	3,201	3,196	3,230	3,230	3,243	3,249	3,250	3,255
Brisbane	823	2,690	3,016	3,103	3,120	3,141	3,150	3,143	3,136	3,128	3,134
Adelaide	857	2,736	3,108	3,235	3,218	3,237	3,254	3,223	3,238	3,239	3,213
Perth	823	2,759	3,123	3,185	3,188	3,221	3,230	3,214	3,229	3,228	3,228
Hobart	848	2,752	3,089	3,212	3,238	3,261	3,262	3,262	3,278	3,278	3,303
Six Capitals(a) ..	829	2,749	3,096	3,223	3,218	3,237	3,240	3,243	3,248	3,243	3,248

GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Sydney	936	1,711	1,980	2,041	2,048	2,037	2,031	2,040	2,064	2,074	2,135
Melbourne	982	1,668	1,949	2,090	2,090	2,129	2,105	2,118	2,214	2,224	2,325
Brisbane	947	1,603	1,841	1,928	1,987	2,022	2,000	2,015	2,078	2,086	2,172
Adelaide	1,023	1,710	2,025	2,098	2,103	2,145	2,156	2,161	2,160	2,161	2,225
Perth	949	1,624	1,945	2,039	2,049	2,095	2,096	2,114	2,123	2,129	2,176
Hobart	933	1,600	1,920	2,137	2,125	2,123	2,117	2,136	2,136	2,140	2,199
Six Capitals(a) ..	961	1,679	1,958	2,053	2,062	2,081	2,070	2,081	2,128	2,137	2,212

TOTAL ALL GROUPS.

Sydney	913	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,423	2,455	2,471	2,490	2,556
Melbourne	896	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,329	2,392	2,436	2,481	2,555
Brisbane	852	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,206	2,221	2,223	2,260	2,290
Adelaide	888	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,352	2,366	2,386	2,388	2,452
Perth	882	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,569	2,561	2,573	2,605	2,646
Hobart	887	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,438	2,467	2,511	2,598	2,639
Six Capitals(a) ..	897	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,375	2,411	2,435	2,465	2,528

(a) Weighted average.

(b) See note (b) on page 107.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.	1955.				1956.				Percentage Increase from August, 1939, to June, 1956.
	August.	April.	May.	June.	June. Qtr.	April.	May.	June.	June Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	926	2,848	2,827	2,829	2,835	3,066	3,087	3,231	3,128	248.9
Newcastle	960	2,951	2,939	2,937	2,942	3,100	3,124	3,264	3,162	240.0
Broken Hill	1,069	3,029	3,019	3,036	3,028	3,149	3,194	3,308	3,217	209.4
Goulburn	991	2,965	2,960	2,965	2,963	3,145	3,162	3,255	3,187	228.5
Bathurst	939	2,984	2,984	2,983	2,984	3,131	3,186	3,276	3,198	248.9
FIVE TOWNS(a) ..	932	2,862	2,842	2,844	2,849	3,072	3,093	3,235	3,133	247.1
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	931	2,756	2,766	2,786	2,769	3,101	3,111	3,231	3,148	247.0
Ballarat	939	2,785	2,803	2,831	2,806	3,108	3,136	3,256	3,167	246.8
Bendigo	915	2,752	2,773	2,785	2,770	3,103	3,128	3,178	3,136	247.3
Geelong	942	2,775	2,784	2,794	2,784	3,079	3,095	3,210	3,128	240.8
Warrnambool .. .	952	2,873	2,883	2,894	2,883	3,171	3,231	3,326	3,243	249.4
FIVE TOWNS(a) ..	932	2,758	2,769	2,788	2,772	3,101	3,113	3,230	3,148	246.6
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	855	2,530	2,509	2,515	2,518	2,657	2,657	2,738	2,684	220.2
Toowoomba	812	2,633	2,582	2,582	2,599	2,732	2,734	2,826	2,764	248.0
Rockhampton .. .	893	2,635	2,574	2,566	2,592	2,718	2,656	2,720	2,698	204.6
Townsville	948	2,733	2,684	2,681	2,699	2,803	2,802	2,870	2,825	202.7
Bundaberg	906	2,658	2,584	2,585	2,609	2,741	2,688	2,744	2,724	202.9
FIVE TOWNS(a) ..	862	2,562	2,533	2,536	2,544	2,679	2,673	2,752	2,701	219.3
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	882	2,642	2,635	2,650	2,642	2,806	2,837	2,899	2,847	228.7
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	980	2,694	2,701	2,707	2,701	2,839	2,879	2,949	2,889	200.9
Port Pirie	1,001	2,733	2,732	2,746	2,737	2,865	2,908	2,974	2,916	197.1
Mount Gambier ..	930	2,668	2,677	2,698	2,681	2,878	2,956	3,004	2,946	223.0
Peterborough .. .	983	2,694	2,694	2,712	2,700	2,868	2,926	2,977	2,924	202.8
FIVE TOWNS(a) ..	891	2,647	2,641	2,657	2,648	2,811	2,844	2,905	2,853	226.0
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle ..	947	2,909	2,904	2,903	2,905	2,979	2,980	3,040	3,000	221.0
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	1,102	3,029	3,078	3,083	3,063	3,111	3,135	3,180	3,142	188.6
Northam	981	2,960	2,969	2,973	2,967	2,991	3,013	3,061	3,022	212.0
Bunbury	975	3,003	3,006	3,009	3,006	3,021	3,037	3,052	3,037	213.0
Geraldton	958	2,983	2,987	2,990	2,987	3,040	3,052	3,085	3,059	222.0
FIVE TOWNS(a) ..	960	2,923	2,922	2,922	2,922	2,991	2,994	3,052	3,012	217.9
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	914	2,857	2,875	2,891	2,874	3,058	3,086	3,163	3,102	246.1
Launceston	905	2,763	2,767	2,764	2,765	2,978	3,043	3,093	3,038	241.8
Burnie	942	2,811	2,813	2,826	2,817	3,026	3,057	3,130	3,071	232.3
Devonport	930	2,784	2,791	2,795	2,790	3,026	3,055	3,123	3,068	235.8
Queenstown	1,018	2,972	2,993	3,034	3,000	3,194	3,227	3,297	3,239	223.9
FIVE TOWNS(a) ..	917	2,827	2,840	2,850	2,839	3,036	3,075	3,143	3,085	242.7
THIRTY TOWNS(a) ..	922	2,779	2,771	2,780	2,777	3,006	3,022	3,134	3,054	239.9
SIX CAPITALS(a) ..	918	2,772	2,764	2,773	2,770	3,006	3,021	3,136	3,054	241.6
Lithgow (N.S.W.)(b) ..	948	2,973	2,984	2,988	2,982	3,181	3,247	3,336	3,255	251.9
Warwick (Q.)(b) .. .	851	2,628	2,598	2,600	2,609	2,735	2,745	2,814	2,765	230.7
Port Augusta (S.A.)(b)	994	2,706	2,698	2,712	2,705	2,880	2,908	2,976	2,921	199.4
Whyalla (S.A.)(b) ..	(c)	2,796	2,797	2,809	2,801	2,956	2,979	3,044	2,993	(c)
Canberra (A.C.T.)(b) ..	1,046	3,042	3,051	3,056	3,050	3,270	3,300	3,402	3,324	225.2

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Rent, (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1955.			1956.	
							June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,423	2,455	2,471	2,490	2,556
Newcastle	877	1,901	2,209	2,205	2,324	2,395	2,388	2,409	2,425	2,444	2,499
Broken Hill	940	1,997	2,344	2,411	2,421	2,453	2,439	2,464	2,487	2,489	2,531
Goulburn	893	1,921	2,232	2,302	2,327	2,422	2,398	2,445	2,472	2,504	2,548
Bathurst	860	1,882	2,219	2,364	2,382	2,441	2,424	2,455	2,474	2,482	2,520
FIVE TOWNS(a)	911	1,931	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,435	2,420	2,451	2,468	2,487	2,551
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	896	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,329	2,392	2,436	2,481	2,555
Ballarat	850	1,857	2,147	2,265	2,272	2,340	2,310	2,365	2,408	2,437	2,514
Bendigo	854	1,826	2,139	2,261	2,266	2,339	2,310	2,359	2,406	2,451	2,516
Geelong	884	1,871	2,154	2,263	2,268	2,341	2,319	2,363	2,407	2,451	2,520
Warrnambool	892	1,886	2,205	2,323	2,345	2,407	2,381	2,419	2,472	2,481	2,582
FIVE TOWNS(a)	893	1,877	2,168	2,283	2,286	2,363	2,328	2,389	2,433	2,478	2,551
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,206	2,221	2,223	2,260	2,299
Toowoomba	843	1,773	2,083	2,160	2,191	2,247	2,247	2,251	2,262	2,295	2,343
Rockhampton	853	1,785	2,091	2,166	2,206	2,253	2,251	2,259	2,263	2,296	2,327
Townsville	902	1,818	2,148	2,243	2,284	2,333	2,330	2,325	2,351	2,388	2,424
Bundaberg	831	1,754	2,056	2,118	2,157	2,202	2,200	2,202	2,216	2,250	2,280
FIVE TOWNS(a)	854	1,767	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,225	2,220	2,233	2,237	2,274	2,312
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	888	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,352	2,366	2,386	2,388	2,452
Kadina, &c.	786	1,742	2,077	2,162	2,201	2,255	2,257	2,261	2,274	2,262	2,343
Port Pirie	864	1,811	2,135	2,210	2,251	2,309	2,306	2,312	2,336	2,322	2,388
Mount Gambier	849	1,863	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,314	2,311	2,329	2,332	2,342	2,414
Peterborough	868	1,808	2,129	2,199	2,255	2,330	2,330	2,345	2,347	2,345	2,419
FIVE TOWNS(a)	883	1,829	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,348	2,347	2,360	2,379	2,381	2,446
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	882	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,450	2,554	2,569	2,561	2,573	2,605	2,646
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,048	1,940	2,262	2,361	2,426	2,493	2,497	2,502	2,519	2,515	2,543
Northam	900	1,870	2,186	2,315	2,417	2,508	2,523	2,511	2,516	2,521	2,565
Bunbury	914	1,870	2,195	2,314	2,447	2,569	2,586	2,581	2,589	2,588	2,660
Geraldton	957	1,956	2,293	2,421	2,577	2,702	2,690	2,702	2,771	2,763	2,802
FIVE TOWNS(a)	897	1,868	2,180	2,303	2,458	2,552	2,565	2,559	2,573	2,599	2,640
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	887	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,438	2,467	2,511	2,598	2,639
Launceston	872	1,857	2,154	2,350	2,364	2,400	2,378	2,404	2,453	2,582	2,632
Burnie	865	1,810	2,120	2,309	2,316	2,373	2,344	2,382	2,439	2,472	2,521
Devonport	848	1,793	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,339	2,313	2,349	2,399	2,438	2,483
Queenstown	875	1,808	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,380	2,355	2,391	2,445	2,439	2,477
FIVE TOWNS(a)	879	1,852	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,428	2,407	2,436	2,483	2,575	2,620
THIRTY TOWNS(a)	894	1,880	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,389	2,372	2,406	2,431	2,460	2,523
SIX CAPITALS(a)	897	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,375	2,411	2,435	2,465	2,528
Warwick (Q.)(b)	800	1,751	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,218	2,213	2,223	2,229	2,256	2,301
Port Augusta (S.A.)(b)	863	1,823	2,141	2,204	2,235	2,300	2,299	2,312	2,324	2,323	2,390
Whyalla (S.A.)(b)	(c)	1,848	2,166	2,274	2,313	2,367	2,369	2,374	2,382	2,378	2,444
Canberra (A.C.T.)(b)	966	1,931	2,247	2,328	2,353	2,472	2,420	2,519	2,552	2,572	2,625

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.			Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Index.
Year—							
1914(c)	..	..	641	649	754	749	687
1919(c)	..	..	1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1,022
1924..	..	..	969	988	1,003	1,004	987
1925..	..	..	998	1,008	991	992	997
1926..	..	..	1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011
1927..	..	..	1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002
1928..	..	..	985	1,066	997	1,010	1,009
1929..	..	..	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033
1930..	..	..	941	1,047	951	999	975
1931..	..	..	826	901	853	973	873
1932..	..	..	796	817	804	958	830
1933..	..	..	751	804	787	950	804
1934..	..	..	783	810	785	944	817
1935..	..	..	806	839	783	946	832
1936..	..	..	825	879	792	947	850
1937..	..	..	851	912	811	960	873
1938..	..	..	886	942	829	961	897
1939..	..	..	927	965	841	962	920
1940..	..	..	939	973	956	998	957
1941..	..	..	947	976	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942..	..	..	1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943..	..	..	1,037	975	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944..	..	..	1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945..	..	..	1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946..	..	..	1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947..	..	..	1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948..	..	..	1,256	979	1,744	1,257	1,295
1949..	..	..	1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415
1950..	..	..	1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560
1951..	..	..	2,041	1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883
1952..	..	..	2,526	1,057	3,096	1,958	2,196
1953..	..	..	2,641	1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302
1954..	..	..	2,671	1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326
1955..	..	..	2,811	1,226	3,237	2,081	2,393
Quarter—							
1955—June	..	..	2,770	1,222	3,240	2,070	2,375
September	..	..	2,854	1,232	3,243	2,081	2,411
December	..	..	2,891	1,238	3,248	2,128	2,435
1956—March	..	..	2,926	1,310	3,243	2,137	2,465
June	..	..	3,054	1,320	3,248	2,212	2,528

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) Rent.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account. (c) November.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1956.**

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Item.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	13.80	13.80	13.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	13.50	13.50	13.50	12.63	12.63	12.63	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.50	12.50	12.50
" self-raising ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.71	20.71	20.71	18.90	18.90	18.90	21.60	21.60	21.60	21.20	21.20	21.20
Tea ..	lb.	82.85	82.85	82.85	84.00	84.00	84.00	83.40	83.40	83.40	84.50	84.50	84.50	84.00	84.20	84.00
Sugar ..	"	9.00	10.00	10.00	9.96	10.39	10.96	10.50	10.50	11.50	10.00	11.00	11.00	9.75	10.75	10.75
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60
Tapioca, seed ..	"	13.95	14.05	15.25	14.08	14.08	14.83	14.40	14.40	14.20	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.80	14.80	16.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	30.90	30.90	30.90	31.17	31.00	31.00	28.70	29.20	28.70	31.50	32.10	32.40	31.90	31.70	31.90
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	19.05	19.40	20.45	20.79	20.79	22.43	21.70	21.70	22.70	21.50	21.50	23.50	20.70	21.40	22.70
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.67	10.08	10.08	11.25	10.63	10.63	10.50	9.92	9.92	11.75	11.00	11.50	11.75	11.00	10.88
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.30	30.30	30.30	30.80	30.80	30.80	29.60	29.60	29.60	31.70	32.10	32.10	32.00	32.00	32.00
Currants ..	"	25.40	25.40	25.40	24.38	24.25	24.70	23.13	23.13	23.25	25.75	25.75	25.75	24.67	25.00	25.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	63.00	63.00	63.00	59.00	58.67	57.67	56.38	56.38	56.38	59.75	61.00	61.00	63.00	63.00	63.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	40.95	40.95	40.95	40.50	40.79	40.79	40.60	40.60	40.60	41.10	41.90	42.30	40.60	41.50	42.40
Pears, canned ..	"	43.55	43.55	43.55	43.21	43.36	43.57	42.80	42.00	41.20	44.40	44.30	44.90	42.80	43.20	43.90
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	77.88	77.45	108.88	80.86	80.50	118.00	67.10	70.60	94.40	77.00	77.00	99.40	68.60	76.00	103.60
Onions, brown ..	lb.	10.20	10.50	11.40	9.50	9.92	11.07	9.00	9.00	10.00	11.25	10.00	11.00	11.25	11.50	12.00
Soap ..	"	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.42	18.42	18.42	20.27	20.20	20.20	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.40	19.40	19.40
Kerosene ..	quart	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.28	8.30	8.30	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.38	9.63	9.63	9.80	9.80	9.78
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	53.10	53.10	53.10	53.50	53.50	53.50	54.80	54.80	55.40	54.00	54.00	54.00	53.30	53.30	53.30
Cheese, mild ..	"	37.13	37.13	37.13	36.75	36.75	36.83	38.00	38.00	38.00	36.25	36.83	36.83	37.75	37.75	37.75
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	73.00	72.80	72.80	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	78.17	80.28	80.61	75.07	79.00	79.00	77.33	81.00	81.00	73.50	73.50	74.50	75.00	78.00	77.25
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.30	23.30	23.30	23.50	23.50	23.50	25.40	25.40	25.40	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.60	24.60	24.60
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.00	18.00	19.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	..	..	..
" (b) in bottles ..	"	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	..	..	..	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Meat—		June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	45.55			47.43			44.14			45.40			45.75		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	35.52			36.14			32.29			35.60			36.75		
" steak, rump ..	"	59.17			58.29			57.43			60.63			58.60		
" chuck ..	"	30.57			30.95			34.04			31.93			31.60		
" sausages ..	"	21.25			24.00			22.00			22.60			23.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	35.85			38.43			39.29			37.30			37.50		
" brisket ..	"	25.43			26.43			32.24			29.78			30.25		
Mutton, leg ..	"	26.27			27.59			29.14			26.44			27.67		
" forequarter ..	"	17.78			16.29			19.00			19.22			17.42		
" loin ..	"	27.57			25.00			34.57			27.78			30.00		
" chops, loin ..	"	27.05			25.52			36.29			27.78			30.00		
" leg ..	"	29.20			26.57			35.43			27.78			30.00		
Pork, leg ..	"	58.34			58.57			58.86			53.00			52.17		
" loin ..	"	58.76			58.00			58.86			51.75			53.39		
" chops ..	"	58.33			58.00			58.86			53.25			54.61		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

PRICES.

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1956.**

Item.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.40	11.40	11.60	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.40	11.40	11.40
" self-raising ..	"	18.95	18.95	18.95	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.50	19.50	19.50	20.90	20.90	20.90
Tea ..	lb.	83.25	83.25	83.25	84.70	84.70	84.70	84.08	84.00	84.00	83.88	83.88	83.88	85.80	85.80	85.80
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.30	10.00	9.48	9.68	10.47	9.64	10.31	10.64	9.19	9.63	10.13	9.80	10.00	10.50
Rice ..	"	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.42	12.42	12.58	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.90	13.90	13.70
Tapioca, seed ..	"	14.50	14.79	14.79	14.60	14.60	14.60	13.75	14.08	14.42	14.13	14.38	14.88	14.80	14.80	15.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	27.20	27.20	27.20	27.40	27.40	27.40	27.00	27.00	27.17	27.50	27.50	27.63	28.80	28.80	28.80
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	18.95	18.95	20.30	20.20	20.20	21.80	21.25	21.25	22.60	19.50	19.50	21.50	21.70	21.70	22.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	8.83	8.83	8.83	11.25	10.63	10.00	11.10	11.00	10.50	9.00	9.00	9.25	11.50	10.90	10.90
Raisins, seeded ..	"	27.50	27.50	27.50	28.60	28.60	28.30	29.50	29.50	29.17	28.75	28.75	28.75	30.40	30.80	30.40
Currants ..	"	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.75	24.00	24.00	24.45	24.45	24.45	25.22	25.22	25.22	25.50	25.50	25.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	57.25	57.25	57.25	57.00	55.00	56.33	58.33	59.00	59.00	60.00	58.50	58.50	60.10	60.10	60.10
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	34.78	35.28	35.75	34.70	35.10	34.90	35.08	35.25	36.00	34.38	34.50	34.50	37.50	37.70	37.90
Pears, canned ..	"	36.35	37.30	37.60	36.40	36.30	36.90	36.42	36.92	37.08	35.88	35.88	35.88	39.30	39.30	39.70
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	73.06	70.88	101.94	62.30	67.20	98.00	69.83	71.58	82.40	67.38	66.50	96.25	60.90	61.70	86.80
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.10	8.20	9.70	7.80	8.00	9.30	9.33	9.33	10.00	7.13	7.13	8.50	8.80	8.80	9.40
Soap ..	"	18.04	18.04	18.04	18.63	18.63	18.63	18.62	18.62	18.62	17.97	17.97	17.97	19.24	19.24	19.24
Kerosene ..	quart	8.22	8.22	8.22	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.47	8.47	8.47	9.65	9.65	9.65
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	53.30	53.15	53.10	54.00	54.00	54.00	52.08	52.08	52.08	53.75	53.75	53.75	54.00	54.00	54.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	37.50	37.50	37.50	38.83	38.83	39.17	39.75	39.75	39.75	37.13	37.50	37.50	37.67	37.67	38.67
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.20	75.20	75.20
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	79.92	83.17	84.00	78.00	81.00	81.00	76.75	78.00	78.00	77.75	79.00	79.75	79.80	81.60	82.20
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.40	22.40	22.30	23.60	23.60	23.60	23.00	23.00	23.00	22.25	22.25	22.25	23.70	23.70	23.70
" fresh ^(b) loose ..	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	..	..	..	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
" (b) in bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Meat—		June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		42.50			41.20			40.57			38.60			42.27	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		41.93			38.78			42.05			40.83			42.75	
" steak, rump ..	"		60.67			59.17			56.71			57.80			57.60	
" chuck ..	"		35.43			36.00			34.62			34.13			35.80	
" sausages ..	"		23.29			23.83			23.67			23.60			24.07	
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"		41.10			41.33			40.43			42.80			41.27	
" brisket ..	"		29.27			32.50			32.81			32.53			30.27	
Mutton, leg ..	"		29.85			31.67			30.27			30.40			36.53	
" forequarter ..	"		19.50			17.39			18.33			17.93			24.60	
" loin ..	"		27.43			28.33			28.47			30.07			33.40	
" chops, loin ..	"		29.19			31.67			30.27			31.07			35.20	
" leg ..	"		30.53			32.00			29.60			31.07			37.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		61.38			58.00			56.00			60.40			57.00	
" loin ..	"		62.26			59.50			60.93			60.67			57.00	
" chops ..	"		61.50			61.00			61.13			61.27			58.50	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

Prices.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1956**

Item.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread(b)	2 lb.	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Flour, ordinary	..	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.36	9.36	9.36	11.29	11.29	11.29	12.10	12.10	12.10	10.10	10.10	10.10
" self-raising	..	17.55	17.55	17.55	19.57	19.57	19.43	20.58	20.58	20.36	20.70	20.70	20.70	20.00	20.10	20.10
Tea	lb.	79.85	79.85	79.85	79.86	79.86	79.79	81.00	81.00	81.00	82.70	82.80	82.60	81.60	81.60	81.60
Sugar	..	8.95	8.95	9.97	9.38	9.38	10.34	9.21	9.21	10.26	10.40	10.40	11.10	8.95	9.15	9.97
Rice	..	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.83	12.83	12.79	13.00	12.90	12.90	12.60	12.60	12.60
Tapioca, seed	..	12.45	12.55	12.55	13.17	13.17	12.92	14.00	14.00	14.07	14.10	14.10	14.10	13.67	13.67	14.00
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	27.35	27.40	27.40	28.43	28.43	28.86	27.92	27.75	27.07	29.25	29.63	29.75	28.80	28.80	28.80
Golden Syrup	2 lb.	17.45	17.45	19.00	19.21	19.21	20.50	19.93	19.93	21.14	22.20	22.20	22.80	18.00	18.00	19.30
Oats, flaked	lb.	11.17	10.88	10.88	11.50	11.50	11.75	13.00	13.66	11.88	10.65	10.37	10.37	12.91	12.57	11.50
Raisins, seeded	..	26.05	26.05	26.05	27.43	27.43	27.57	27.00	27.00	26.50	28.50	27.00	27.00	29.50	29.50	29.60
Currants	..	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.50	23.50	23.25	24.67	24.67	25.25	24.50	24.50	25.83	23.67	23.67	24.00
Apricots, dried	..	55.67	56.69	56.69	55.17	55.17	55.00	54.25	54.25	54.80	52.00	56.25	56.25	57.67	57.50	57.33
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	38.00	38.30	38.40	37.86	38.07	38.64	38.50	39.33	39.79	38.00	39.60	39.60	39.10	39.20	39.70
Pears, canned	..	39.80	40.05	40.15	39.36	39.36	39.50	40.33	40.33	41.25	39.00	40.00	39.60	40.50	40.90	40.90
Potatoes	7 lb.	75.90	73.40	90.80	69.43	69.00	88.29	81.92	76.33	87.86	77.10	75.70	89.60	83.00	80.00	90.20
Onions, brown	lb.	9.50	9.40	10.25	10.57	9.86	10.14	11.17	10.50	10.79	11.60	11.10	11.50	10.70	10.70	11.60
Soap	..	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.14	18.24	18.19	17.95	17.95	17.95	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.06	18.06	18.13
Kerosene	quart	8.37	8.37	8.37	9.08	9.08	9.08	10.68	10.43	10.31	9.27	9.27	9.27	10.60	10.60	10.60
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	52.40	52.40	52.40	51.64	51.64	51.57	52.07	52.07	51.86	54.40	54.40	54.40	52.40	52.40	52.40
Cheese, mild	..	33.80	34.00	34.00	34.14	34.14	34.14	35.79	35.50	35.75	39.70	39.70	40.30	35.50	35.50	35.70
Eggs, new laid	doz.	67.20	67.60	67.40	62.60	63.80	64.80	73.00	74.80	72.50	77.00	77.00	78.00	68.60	68.60	68.60
Bacon, rashers	..	68.10	71.25	72.40	63.00	64.71	67.80	65.00	66.33	69.57	59.88	61.63	64.63	63.40	64.80	67.70
Milk, condensed	tin	23.20	23.20	23.20	23.71	23.71	23.50	23.75	23.75	23.79	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.80	23.90	23.80
" fresh(b) loose	quart	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" (b) in bottles	..	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Meat—		June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.		
Beef, sirloin	lb.	32.22			35.30			28.19			31.00			31.00		
" rib (without bone)	..	26.61			29.47			23.00			25.00			25.00		
" steak, rump	..	39.78			42.62			36.33			37.00			39.67		
" chuck	..	20.00			22.64			19.05			20.00			19.00		
" sausages	..	18.80			20.00			17.86			20.00			18.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side	..	28.78			32.61			26.67			27.00			28.67		
" brisket	..	21.00			23.64			19.91			20.00			20.00		
Mutton, leg	..	22.17			26.02			24.00			26.00			25.00		
" forequarter	..	12.77			15.02			14.00			16.40			16.00		
" loin	..	19.67			22.45			19.81			22.42			20.80		
" chops, loin	..	22.17			25.02			22.91			25.00			24.00		
" leg	..	22.17			24.02			22.06			24.80			24.00		
Pork, leg	..	50.23			48.05			43.91			51.60			40.40		
" loin	..	48.93			47.76			43.91			48.75			37.40		
" chops	..	48.97			47.76			44.05			47.40			39.80		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1956.

Item.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIKIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	9.50	9.55	9.55	9.64	9.64	9.64	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.63	9.63	9.63	10.25	10.25	10.25
" self-raising ..	"	16.00	15.90	15.90	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.86	17.86	17.86	16.90	16.90	16.90	18.25	18.25	18.25
Tea ..	lb.	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.57	80.57	80.57	80.93	80.93	80.93	81.50	81.50	81.50	81.00	81.00	81.00
Sugar ..	"	9.00	10.00	10.00	9.46	10.46	10.46	9.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	11.00	11.00	9.50	10.50	10.50
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tapioca, seed ..	"	12.50	12.55	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.83	13.83	13.83	13.70	13.70	13.70	13.83	13.83	13.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	28.00	28.33	28.83	28.08	28.08	28.25	28.64	28.64	28.64	29.40	29.40	29.40	28.50	28.50	29.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	18.50	18.50	20.10	19.93	19.93	21.21	19.93	19.93	20.57	20.50	20.80	21.38	20.63	20.63	22.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.42	9.42	9.42	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.83	9.83	9.83	10.28	10.28	10.28
Raisins, seeded ..	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.29	29.36	29.36	29.50	29.50	29.50	30.10	30.10	30.00	29.63	29.63	29.63
Currants ..	"	24.44	24.70	24.70	24.86	25.00	25.00	25.33	25.20	25.20	25.38	26.00	26.00	25.50	25.50	25.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	59.10	59.00	56.67	56.67	59.50	60.00	59.25	60.38	58.50	59.00	58.75
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	39.40	39.55	39.75	41.36	41.79	41.79	41.57	41.57	41.79	39.00	39.50	39.50	41.25	41.25	41.25
Pears, canned ..	"	39.30	39.80	40.00	41.36	41.79	41.79	41.71	41.71	41.93	39.40	39.50	39.50	41.38	41.63	41.63
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	56.31	59.50	77.00	61.83	64.83	84.00	58.71	64.14	83.00	58.33	62.17	77.00	60.00	70.00	83.13
Onions, brown ..	lb.	9.17	9.20	10.40	9.00	10.00	12.00	8.71	8.79	9.86	10.00	8.50	8.50	8.67	8.67	10.00
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	19.00	19.00	19.05	18.57	18.57	18.52	18.80	18.80	18.80	19.25	19.25	19.25
Kerosene ..	quart	7.76	7.75	7.75	8.29	8.29	8.29	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.79	8.79	8.79	8.78	8.78	8.78
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.79	53.79	53.79	54.00	54.00	54.00	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	34.06	34.06	34.06	34.93	34.93	34.93	35.75	35.75	35.75	34.13	34.13	34.13	35.38	35.38	35.38
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	66.65	66.70	66.75	55.67	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	57.00	57.00	57.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	71.15	73.90	73.90	72.64	74.07	75.00	73.33	75.90	75.50	71.70	75.00	75.00	71.25	74.75	74.75
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.35	23.35	23.35	24.07	24.07	24.07	24.14	24.14	24.14	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.38	24.38	24.38
" fresh ^(b) loose ..	quart	16.50	16.50	16.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
" " ^(b) in ..	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	..	..	..	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	..	..	..
Meat—		June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	31.60			31.09			32.50			34.00			33.50		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	34.60			34.24			36.07			38.00			37.50		
" steak, rump ..	"	51.40			51.00			52.00			53.93			52.50		
" " chuck ..	"	30.10			30.00			31.57			30.60			30.50		
" sausages ..	"	18.00			18.00			18.81			18.73			19.00		
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	36.20			36.00			36.71			37.80			38.00		
" brisket ..	"	29.90			29.43			30.14			29.83			29.33		
Mutton, leg ..	"	25.43			23.43			24.24			26.60			25.00		
" forequarter ..	"	14.35			13.71			14.00			16.07			13.17		
" loin ..	"	24.07			23.43			24.29			27.80			24.50		
" chops, loin ..	"	25.97			24.00			25.43			28.60			25.00		
" " leg ..	"	26.03			24.00			25.43			28.97			25.50		
Pork, leg ..	"	60.17			46.38			50.00			53.53			49.50		
" loin ..	"	60.47			46.38			48.56			54.47			46.50		
" chops ..	"	60.70			47.24			52.50			55.73			51.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

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(c) Not delivered.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1956.**

Item.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.	April.	May.	June.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	11.90	12.00	12.00	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.70	12.60	12.60	13.00	13.00	13.00
" self-raising ..	"	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.79	20.79	20.79	21.60	21.70	21.50	20.70	21.10	21.60	21.17	21.17	21.50
Tea ..	lb.	88.45	88.45	88.45	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	89.00	89.00	89.00
Sugar ..	"	9.00	10.50	10.50	9.00	10.50	10.50	9.00	10.50	10.50	9.05	10.10	10.50	9.25	10.75	10.75
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50
Tapioca, seed ..	"	16.80	16.90	17.05	16.50	16.50	16.75	17.50	17.50	17.50	16.30	16.30	16.50	17.67	17.67	17.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	31.90	32.20	32.15	31.86	31.86	32.29	32.60	32.60	32.60	32.20	32.20	32.20	33.50	33.33	33.33
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	20.95	20.95	22.85	20.86	21.71	22.29	21.00	21.40	23.00	21.00	21.00	22.80	22.00	22.00	23.33
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	11.33	11.33	11.50	11.20	11.20	11.17	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.88	11.88	11.88
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.70	30.70	30.80	30.17	30.14	30.14	31.10	31.00	31.00	31.20	30.60	30.60	32.83	32.83	32.83
Currants ..	"	27.13	27.11	27.06	27.50	27.50	27.67	27.75	27.75	27.75	27.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	58.25	59.50	59.33	59.00	59.00	61.00	60.50	61.00	62.00	62.50	61.75	61.75	59.00	59.00	59.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	39.65	39.65	41.85	39.42	43.00	43.43	40.40	40.40	41.80	40.00	40.00	42.50	40.83	41.50	41.50
Pears, canned ..	"	44.20	44.20	44.90	44.36	45.29	45.29	45.10	45.10	45.10	41.40	42.70	44.50	49.50	49.50	49.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	58.00	61.00	82.00	52.86	65.00	83.00	60.20	63.00	81.90	54.20	56.25	74.50	59.00	61.33	77.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.60	12.40	12.00	11.80	11.20	11.40	12.50	13.25	12.60	12.87	12.22	12.44
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.26	18.26	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.67	18.67	18.67
Kerosene ..	quart	13.33	13.33	13.33	12.70	12.70	12.83	14.11	14.11	14.11	13.95	13.95	13.95	12.75	12.75	12.75
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.75	54.75	54.75	53.57	53.57	53.57	55.00	55.00	55.00	54.20	54.20	54.20	54.00	54.00	54.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	38.94	39.23	39.23	38.79	38.79	38.79	39.23	39.23	39.23	38.79	38.79	38.79	39.67	39.67	39.67
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	71.50	71.57	72.08	71.79	71.79	71.79	71.90	71.90	71.90	71.63	71.75	71.75	73.50	73.50	73.50
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	72.90	72.90	76.40	73.29	73.29	73.86	71.40	71.40	76.20	73.60	73.60	74.20	73.00	73.00	79.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.60	23.60	23.60	24.00	24.00	24.00
" fresh ^(b) loose ..	quart	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	..	..	..
" " (b) in ..	"															
" bottles ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	..	..	..	27.00	27.00	27.00
		June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.			June Quarter, 1956.		
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		40.80			39.00			40.75			39.00			40.78	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		40.13			38.00			40.50			38.40			40.78	
" steak, rump ..	"		58.43			55.76			54.00			52.80			56.11	
" " chuck ..	"		33.43			35.00			33.50			34.60			36.78	
" sausages ..	"		23.23			22.07			23.50			24.50			23.67	
" (corned) silver-side ..	"		41.20			39.52			40.92			39.60			42.11	
" " brisket ..	"		30.70			27.29			31.00			31.20			34.33	
Mutton, leg ..	"		31.13			29.17			28.66			29.21			29.00	
" " forequarter ..	"		16.34			15.94			15.77			16.40			20.78	
" " loin ..	"		23.63			23.50			23.50			28.52			26.00	
" " chops, loin ..	"		24.83			23.50			23.50			27.76			26.00	
" " leg ..	"		29.67			26.17			24.69			29.91			26.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		56.03			50.43			48.00			45.60			54.00	
" " loin ..	"		56.13			50.57			48.00			46.80			53.00	
" " chops ..	"		56.33			51.43			48.00			46.20			53.00	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1939-40 ..	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	101	111	103	105
1940-41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941-42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	117	153	112	124
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	128	176	121	137
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122	140
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	180	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338	320
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	336	292	361	340
1953-54—											
April ..	390	217	553	316	186	359	328	306	266	337	316
May ..	390	217	563	316	184	359	329	306	266	338	316
June ..	384	218	569	316	182	358	327	308	267	337	316
1954-55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
August ..	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	308	267	336	316
September ..	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	308	271	336	317
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	303	269	332	313
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	305	277	331	315
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	307	277	333	317
January ..	394	215	501	315	237	365	329	305	279	331	316
February ..	395	215	505	315	257	373	332	313	281	338	322
March ..	396	214	507	315	264	381	334	319	282	344	326
April ..	397	214	496	315	271	387	335	314	283	341	324
May ..	396	214	497	315	294	389	337	318	283	344	326
June ..	396	214	485	315	306	398	338	324	287	348	330
1955-56—											
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	336	281	360	337
August ..	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	334	282	358	336
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	333	290	356	336
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	330	289	354	335
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	335	291	358	338
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	331	291	355	336
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	332	288	357	337
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	323	288	350	332
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	336	299	361	342
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	342	303	365	347
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	349	304	373	352
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	355	299	379	356

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1955-56 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1945-46	174	133	159	157	118	169
1946-47	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947-48	267	263	183	247	301	230
1948-49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56(a)	322	442	385	388	468	362

(a) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity.

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison the combined effect of price movements in these other components is shown separately in the column "All Groups excluding Wool".

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (e)	Tal- low.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.		
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups.
Percentage Distribu- tion of Base Aggregate	45.63 49.05 ..	17.06 18.34 31.38	11.36 12.21 20.89	6.83 7.34 12.55	6.63 7.13 12.20	2.40 2.58 4.42	1.81 1.94 3.32	0.64 0.69 1.18	0.66 0.72 1.22	6.98 .. 12.84	.. 100.00 ..	.. 100.00 ..	100.00
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	105	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	83
1948-49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	305	332
1949-50 ..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	308	338
1950-51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	565	654
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	371	483
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	356	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	342	431
1955-56 ..	464 (j)	324	320	562 (j)	355	451	286	353	238	178 (j)	414 (j)	342 (j)	397
1954-55—													
July ..	(i) 622	359	313	475	340	448	278	354	264	178	490	338	468
August ..	566	358	313	475	340	448	262	350	254	178	461	338	442
September ..	566	355	313	498	340	448	261	350	224	178	462	339	442
October ..	536	356	313	524	340	468	260	350	216	178	450	344	431
November ..	513	358	313	518	340	468	261	350	204	179	439	343	421
December ..	532	359	313	512	384	468	263	350	197	178	451	348	432
January ..	520	360	313	516	367	430	266	350	200	178	444	345	425
February ..	528	356	313	522	346	430	267	350	200	178	446	342	427
March ..	528	356	313	523	329	430	270	350	212	178	446	341	426
April ..	520	354	313	525	324	434	271	350	223	178	441	340	422
May ..	520	354	313	520	332	434	268	345	216	178	441	340	422
June ..	505	355	313	528	343	434	279	342	212	178	435	343	417
1955-56—													
July ..	(i) 505	352	313	538	359	468	266	342	225	178	437	347	419
August ..	453	351	313	538	365	468	266	341	234	178	411	347	395
September ..	437	334	313	545	398	468	278	344	235	178	404	347	388
October ..	437	329	337	543	408	454	282	351	238	178	406	351	390
November ..	437	323	364	549	383	454	284	366	227	178	407	352	391
December ..	453	315	368	575 (j)	364	454	283	365	232	178 (j)	414 (j)	352 (j)	398
January ..	460	313	361	590 (j)	348	441	285	356	239	178 (j)	416 (j)	349 (j)	400
February ..	460	311	328	592 (j)	331	441	288	364	240	178 (j)	411 (j)	340 (j)	395
March ..	453	312	304	592 (j)	322	441	292	364	247	178 (j)	404 (j)	334 (j)	388
April ..	468	310	273	579 (j)	317	441	293	354	248	178 (j)	406 (j)	325 (j)	390
May ..	498 (j)	316	265	556 (j)	324	441	302	344	241	178 (j)	420 (j)	324 (j)	403
June ..	(i) 505 (j)	317	299	548 (j)	335	441	317	347	252	178 (j)	428 (j)	332 (j)	411

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanias, lexiass, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index.

(f) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable from 1936-37. (i) Nominal. (j) Preliminary.

NOTE.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. In computing this index, the "quantity-multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate.

Section XII.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.		Retail Price Index Numbers.					Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates. (c)
		Food and Grocer- ies.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.		
Year—								
1911	.. .. .	1,000	1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	1,000	1,000
1914	.. .. .	1,144	1,082	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948
1921	.. .. .	1,902	1,410	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087
1928	.. .. .	1,761	1,743	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172
1932	.. .. .	1,425	1,336	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190
1938	.. .. .	1,584	1,540	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209
1939	.. .. .	1,657	1,577	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,210
1946	.. .. .	1,852	1,596	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263
1947	.. .. .	1,967	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318
1948	.. .. .	2,245	1,601	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357
1949	.. .. .	2,492	1,605	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367
1950	.. .. .	2,800	1,613	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,596	1,389
1951	.. .. .	3,649	1,649	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439
1952	.. .. .	4,516	1,728	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241	1,438
1953	.. .. .	4,723	1,861	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,539	1,450
1954	.. .. .	4,776	1,949	4,865	3,139	3,860	5,632	1,459
1955	.. .. .	5,027	2,005	4,894	3,168	3,970	5,773	1,454
Quarter—								
September	1939.	1,645	1,582	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220
December	.. .. .	1,657	1,584	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210
March	1949.	2,433	1,603	2,795	1,985	2,263	3,099	1,369
June	.. .. .	2,482	1,604	2,968	2,017	2,328	3,182	1,367
September	.. .. .	2,497	1,606	3,089	2,047	2,370	3,249	1,371
December	.. .. .	2,555	1,608	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310	1,360
March	1950.	2,633	1,609	3,259	2,134	2,474	3,372	1,363
June	.. .. .	2,718	1,611	3,418	2,151	2,546	3,458	1,358
September	.. .. .	2,828	1,614	3,501	2,180	2,609	3,545	1,359
December	.. .. .	3,020	1,618	3,643	2,271	2,726	4,009	1,471
March	1951.	3,201	1,641	3,760	2,381	2,843	4,142	1,457
June	.. .. .	3,443	1,646	4,151	2,498	3,042	4,387	1,442
September	.. .. .	3,819	1,651	4,283	2,611	3,224	4,601	1,427
December	.. .. .	4,133	1,656	4,429	2,731	3,388	4,850	1,432
March	1952.	4,298	1,672	4,523	2,783	3,481	5,036	1,447
June	.. .. .	4,589	1,702	4,685	2,967	3,661	5,156	1,408
September	.. .. .	4,633	1,750	4,709	3,072	3,714	5,345	1,439
December	.. .. .	4,544	1,789	4,712	3,098	3,722	5,428	1,458
March	1953.	4,599	1,835	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443	1,446
June	.. .. .	4,658	1,857	4,906	3,122	3,805	5,512	1,449
September	.. .. .	4,804	1,870	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452
December	.. .. .	4,831	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453
March	1954.	4,798	1,900	4,880	3,151	3,861	5,622	1,456
June	.. .. .	4,774	1,947	4,856	3,137	3,856	5,624	1,459
September	.. .. .	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460
December	.. .. .	4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462
March	1955.	4,882	1,983	4,865	3,115	3,898	5,720	1,467
June	.. .. .	4,952	1,997	4,898	3,151	3,941	5,746	1,457
September	.. .. .	5,103	2,014	4,903	3,168	4,001	5,774	1,443
December	.. .. .	5,169	2,025	4,910	3,239	4,041	5,853	1,448
March	1956.	5,232	2,142	4,903	3,253	4,090	5,900	1,443
June	.. .. .	5,461	2,158	4,910	3,367	4,195	6,019	1,435

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000. (b) See note (b) on page 107. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (d) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
DEMOGRAPHY(a)—								
Population(b) { '000 Males ..	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,799	3,333	3,599	4,311	4,598
'000 Females ..	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,217	4,492
'000 Persons ..	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,528	9,090
Net Oversea Migration '000	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	-10.1	5.2	111.4	68.2
Marriages .. { '000	24	28	39	47	39	75	77	71
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separations .. { Rate(c)	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.9
Births .. { '000	190	399	522	1,502	1,955	3,380	7,327	6,528
'000 Rate(c)	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	202
Deaths .. { '000	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9	22.5
'000 Rate(c)	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	82
Infant Deaths .. { '000	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	9.1
'000 Rate(e)	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.5
	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	22.5
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(a)—								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index Numbers	(f)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,632
Real Wage Index Numbers(g) ..	(f)	(f)	1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	1,459
PRODUCTION—								
Agricultural(h)—								
Wheat .. { Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4	10.7
'Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	191	167	160	169
'Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	15.8
Oats .. { Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365	2,574
'Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	32.8
'Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	12.8
Barley .. { Area '000 acs.	68	75	116	299	342	784	1,118	1,691
'Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	29.4
'Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	17.4
Maize .. { Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	170
'Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	5.1
'Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	29.9
Hay .. { Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549	1,984
'Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,345	2,856
'Av. Yield tons	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51	1.44
Potatoes .. { Area '000 acs.	113	110	130	149	145	99	118	107
'Yield '000 tons	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	468
'Av. Yield tons	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	4.31	4.36
Sugar-cane .. { Area(i) '000 acs.	45	87	101	128	242	255	282	374
'Yield '000 tons	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,327	10,086
'Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	27.0
Vineyards .. { Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	113	130	136	136
'Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	24.0
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.7	21.7
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.—								
Livestock(j) { Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.8
Cattle ..	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	13.6	14.9	15.8
Sheep ..	106	72	97	86	111	125	118	131
Pigs ..	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.3
Wool(k) .. { mill. lb.	(a) 634	(a) 539	(a) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080	1,283
Butter .. { (a) 19	(a) 46	(a) 95	(a) 119	175	168	135	191	191
Cheese .. { (a) 4.5	(a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a) 14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	45.2	45.2
Meat(l)—								
Beef and Veal ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	339	350	534	582	720
Mutton and Lamb ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	218	307	372	282	388
Pork ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	11.1	22.7	58.1	35.0	(m) 45.5
Bacon and Ham ..	(a) 7.5	(a) 15.2	(a) 23.8	26.2	31.8	42.5	36.6	(m) 38.2
Total Meat ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	608	727	1,027	949	m 1,206

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decrees made absolute, including decrees for nullity of marriage. (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Season ending in year shown. (i) Cane cut for crushing. (j) As at 31st December of previous year for years to 1942, as at 31st March thereafter. (k) In terms of greasy. (l) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh m : : cured weight, bacon and ham. (m) Subject to revision.

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NOTE.—See headnotes on page 118.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
PRODUCTION—continued.								
Mineral(a)(b)—								
Copper(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	13.5	20.9	17.9	40.9
Gold(c) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	1,118
Lead(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	150.8	289.4	212.0	254.9
Zinc(c) .. " "					66.1	232.6	189.2	252.7
Black Coal .. mill. tons.	4.4	6.9	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	19.8
Brown Coal .. " "	..	..	(e)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8	9.3
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft.	(d)	(a) 452	(a) 605	590	237	914	1,393	1,438
Factories—								
Number of factories .. '000	(f)	(f)	{ 14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	51.1
Persons employed ..								
Salaries and wages paid £m.								
Net value of production—								
Chemicals, &c. .. £m.	(d)	(d)	1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	98.1
Industrial metals, &c. ..			12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.1	533.0
Textiles, &c. ..			{ 7.5	19.2	{ 6.9	21.0	56.6	78.4
Clothing ..								
Food, &c. ..								
Paper, &c. ..	23.3	29.1	11.8	27.2	28.7	53.2	141.1	186.5
All groups ..			4.2	9.0	9.6	17.1	68.2	90.5
Value of plant & machinery, ..			47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	1,365.5
Value of land and buildings ..	(d)	(d)	{ 31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2	412.5	698.3
			{ 32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3	360.2	556.0
Net Value of production(h)—								
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	244.4
Pastoral ..	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	461.5
Dairying ..	6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8	135.8
Poultry ..	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5	29.8
Bee-farming ..	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.4
Total, Rural ..	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	872.9
Trapping ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.5	5.0	6.7	5.0
Forestry ..	4.4	2.8	4.8	9.1	3.9	10.2	37.9	44.1
Fisheries ..			1.1	1.4	1.4	1.8	5.7	8.7
Mines and Quarries(i) ..			12.1	22.0	23.3	33.4	97.2	118.1
Total, Non-rural ..	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	175.9
Total, Primary ..	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	1,048.8
Factories ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	1,365.5
Total, All Industries	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8	2,414.3
BUILDING(j)—								
Permits, New Dwellings { '000	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	{ 2.1	9.7	32.8	44.1
Permits, All Buildings(k) £m.								
					{ 1.5	9.6	80.4	134.9
					{ 4.6	13.5	116.4	215.1
OVERSEA TRADE—								
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	(a)	(a)	(a)	94	52	174	1,053	844
Exports .. " "	36	50	79	128	108	169	675	774
Principal Exports(l)—								
Wool .. { mill. lb.(m)	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,145
.. £m. f.o.b.	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	353
Wheat .. { '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	1,691
.. £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	45.2
Flour .. { '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	656
.. £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	20.3
Butter .. { mill. lb.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	140
.. £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	24.6
Hides and Skins .. £m. f.o.b.	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	19.7
Meats .. " "	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	63.4
Fruit(n) .. " "	..	0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	32.7
Sugar .. " "	..	(e)	(e)	(e)	2.5	2.6	6.9	31.2
Gold .. " "	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	13.7
Silver and Lead(o) .. " "	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	32.1	31.1
Ores and Concentrates, ..	..	(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	10.8

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (g) Not yet available. (h) Gross value from 1891 to 1921–22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (i) Incomplete. (j) Six capital cities and suburbs. (k) Includes additions and alterations. (l) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Excludes fruit juices. (o) Includes concentrates.

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NOTE.—See headnotes on page 118.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
OVERSEA TRADE—continued.								
Principal Imports—								
Vegetable foodstuffs, &c. .. £m. f.o.b. }		(a)	(a)					
Apparel, &c. .. " " }		{ 3.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	6.1	25.0	35.9
Oil, &c. .. " " }		{ 10.9	16.2	31.0	15.4	32.7	203.6	126.7
Metals, &c. .. " " }		{ 1.2	1.6	4.7	5.5	16.2	87.5	96.9
Rubber, &c. .. " " }		{ 7.8	14.0	22.8	7.4	71.8	393.4	324.1
Paper, &c. .. " " }		{ 0.5	1.4	1.7	0.8	3.2	34.0	17.0
		{ 1.6	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	68.8	46.4
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—								
Shipping—								
Oversea Vessels, } No. (a)		(a)	(a)					
Entrances and Clearances } mill. tons	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,136	4,505
	4.7	6.5	10.0	9.1	11.4	10.8	18.2	20.0
Oversea Cargo—								
Discharged } mill. tons (c)								
Shipped } " " (e)								
Interstate Vessels, } No. (b)		(b)	{ 9,605	9,782	7,957	9,100	7,524	9,296
Entrances and Clearances } mill. tons			{ 13.1	12.8	11.1	12.9	15.8	18.8
Interstate Cargo Shipped } mill. tons (c)			{ (b)	5.5	4.0	10.0	9.0	11.7
Government Railways—								
Route-miles .. '000 (d)	10.4	12.8	16.8	23.5	27.0	27.2	26.8	26.6
Passenger-journeys mill. 84		115	228	335	303	475	501	517
Goods and livestock carried '000 tons	9.4	15.5	25.5	31.5	26.1	38.9	44.3	47.7
Train-miles run .. mill. 29.7		38.2	55.2	56.1	63.8	88.5	93.4	94.8
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys—								
Trams .. mill. }		(b)	{ 360	569	589	874	689	619
Omnibuses .. " }			{ (b)	(b)	(b)	193	330	347
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars .. '000 }			(b)	102	{ 420	451	1,032	1,347
Commercial vehicles .. " }					{ 96	251	583	650
Civil Aviation(e)—								
Plane-miles flown .. mill. ..					2.5	7.8	41.8	43.5
Passengers carried '000 ..					57	152	1,829	1,918
Passenger-miles .. mill. ..					(b)	76	722	766
Freight car- } '000 short tons ..					0.1	1.2	57.5	78.7
ried } '000 ton-miles ..					(b)	0.9	26.7	37.0
Postal—								
Postal matter dealt with(f) mill. articles	242	324	595	702	(g) 871	g 1,100	g 1,485	1,619
Telegrams and cablegrams mill. 10.0		9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	20.8	25.5
Telephones—								
Instruments .. '000 7		29	103	259	485	739	1,301	1,587
Lines .. " (b)		25	85	196	364	531	927	1,127
Calls—Trunk .. mill. (b)		(b)	(b)	14.0	28.9	45.3	69.4	89.9
Local .. " (b)		(b)	(b)	221	369	664	968	1,103
Broadcast Listeners' Licences '000 ..				(h) 36	369	1,320	1,961	2,035
PUBLIC FINANCE—								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—								
Revenue .. £m. (d)		(d)						
Expenditure .. " 11		21	64	72	210	1,017	1,067	
Net loan fund expenditure(i) .. 4		15	64	70	210	1,017	997	
Taxation collections .. " 9		16	50	54	180	934	938	
State—								
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue .. £m. (b)		28	41	85	100	152	387	493
Expenditure .. " (b)		29	41	87	121	149	390	496
Net loan expenditure(i) .. (b)		9	16	34	6	8	198	161
Taxation collections .. " (b)		3	5	18	33	57	63	89
Public Debt(j)—								
Commonwealth .. £m. ..		6	354	319	638	1,869	1,924	
State .. " a155.1		213	279	519	789	911	1,396	1,826
Total .. " a155.1		213	285	873	1,108	1,549	3,265	3,750
Overseas .. " (b)		194	412	522	516	406	436	
In Australia .. " (b)		91	461	586	1,033	2,859	3,314	

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Not available. (c) Tons weight plus tons measurement. (d) Year ended 30th June. (e) Regular internal services. (f) Letters, postcards, letter-cards and newspapers. (g) Includes packets. (h) Year 1923-24. (i) Loan expenditure on works, services, &c. (j) At 30th June.

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NOTE.—See headnotes on page 118.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
PRIVATE FINANCE—								
Commonwealth Note Issue(a) £m.	(b)	(b)	8	54	51	103	303	363
Cheque-paying Banks—								
Advances(c)	125	94	119	182	261	270	677	809
Deposits(c)	98	93	150	289	319	387	1,189	1,326
Bank clearings(d) ..	(b)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,160	13,046
Savings bank deposits(e)	15	31	59	154	198	274	892	1,074
Life Assurance(d)(f)—								
Ordinary—								
Policies .. '000		414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553	3,033
Sum assured .. £m.		108	109	181	285	463	1,212	1,741
Industrial—								
Policies .. '000	(b)	236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,827
Sum assured .. £m.		5	10	30	67	127	254	297
Total—								
Policies .. '000		650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	6,860
Sum assured .. £m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466	2,038
SOCIAL STATISTICS—								
Commonwealth Social Services—								
Age and Invalid Pen-	'000(g)	..	90	144	256	336	420	510
sions .. £m.	..	..	2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8	88.0
Child Endowment, ..	'000(g)	..	..	..	..	488	1,205	1,304
Claims in force .. £m.	..	..	..	..	..	11.3	46.6	52.5
Total Commonwealth Health								
and Social Services(h) £m.	..	..	2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	189.3
War Pensions .. '000(g)	..	..	..	225	274	220	525	584
.. £m.	..	..	..	7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	(i)44.5
Service Pensions .. '000(g)	..	..	..	..	..	14	17	22
.. £m.	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	1.8	(j)
State Social Services(k)—								
Education(d)—								
Government Schools—								
Schools .. '000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6	(l)
Staff	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7	(l)
Students	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013	(l)
Non-Government Schools—								
Schools .. '000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	(l)
Staff	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3	(l)
Students	125	149	161	199	221	257	326	(l)
Universities(d)(m)—								
Number	4	4	5	6	6	8	9	9
Staff(n)	(b)	(b)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	3,313
Students .. '000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7	29.3
Public Hospitals—								
Number	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)			
Staff—Medical .. '000	(b)	285	355	404	513	566	675	(l)
.. Nursing	(b)	(b)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	(l)
In-patients, cases treated ..	(op) 54	(p) 91	134	215	371	595	896	(l)
POLICE AND PRISONS(d)—								
Police	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3	(l)
Prisons	(b)	(b)	104	91	85	70	69	(l)
Prisoners	(b)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.4	(l)
PRICES(d)—								
"C" Series Retail Price Index..	..	..	1,000	1,680	1,448	1,673	3,124	3,860

(a) At end of June. (b) Not available. (c) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter 1891; the remainder are for the June quarter. All Cheque-paying Banks to 1931-32, Private Trading Banks thereafter. (d) Year ended previous December. (e) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter at 30th June. (f) Existing business in Australia. (g) At 30th June. (h) Excludes war and service pensions. (i) Includes service pensions. (j) Included with war pensions. (k) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (l) Not yet available. (m) Excludes Australian National University. (n) Teaching and research staff. Includes part-time. (o) Year 1891-02 for Victoria. (p) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia.

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